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PREFACE.

THE present volume opens with a fresh Council of State, consisting, like the last, of 41 members, 20 of whom had been on the previous, and 18 on some former Council, so that three colonels, Ingoldsby, Norton, and Sidney, were the only new element. The meetings held before its sudden interruption in April 1653 were 121, and the average attendance was 19·4; Bradshaw being present 119 times, Cromwell only 55.

Of the *coup d'état* by which, on April 19th, 1653, Cromwell put an end to that fraction of the Long Parliament popularly known as the Rump Parliament, very little notice occurs in the State Papers. There is an unfortunate *hiatus* in the Council of State order books, from April 16th to 28th (p. 283 note). Yet Council did sit on the 19th of April, as proved by several unimportant orders relating to Admiralty matters, passed on that day, of which the originals exist (p. 286).

Vague rumours of what had transpired soon reached the fleet, then riding at Spithead, under Generals Deane and Monk. The Generals first complain of silence from headquarters, and beg particulars of the late revolution. When they receive a letter written on April 20th, they acknowledge "the strange and various acts of Providence," but question whether, in this great revolution, anybody takes care of them and of naval affairs (p. 289). One correspondent's heart rejoices within him to hear the news (p. 289); and he looks upon it as the dawning of the day of redemption, there being a want of a stream of justice in that supreme judicature (p. 292).

Viscount Conway writes that nothing could be more pleasing to all degrees of men than the dissolution of these Parliament men; that a large part of the army is in London, but will not be needed, as all is very quiet, and nobody stirs for the Parliament (p. 298). Still a feeling of uncertainty prevailed; the authority of those who were acting in the impress of mariners, &c., was questioned, since the power whence theirs was derived had ceased to exist (pp. 321, 329); and even the Acts of the late Parliament were made light of by those who wished to disobey them (p. 330).

A petition was presented by the City of London which gave offence to Council, but its purport does not transpire (pp. 347–8).

The only serious disturbance that occurred was at Wolverhampton, where a group of frolicsome youths thought fit to erect a Maypole, and set up a dance around it, in token of their hilarity at "the happy tidings of that most "glorious and never to be forgotten achievement, of dis-"solving the late Parliament." But two "most rigid and "malicious presbyters" complained of their sport, and incensed the justices of the peace, who summoned the young men to answer for their conduct (p. 313). They appealed to Cromwell, but the Council of State, hearing that there had been tumultuous meetings in and about the place, on pretence of this Maypole, sent down Quartermaster-General Grosvenor to suppress the tumult, using the troops quartered there, if needful, and to apprehend the offenders (p. 371).

On the other hand, a correspondent writing from Minehead, says, "we in the country are much amazed at "the dissolving of Parliament. The honest party hope "better times thereby, but the time-servers are startled, "and the malignants perplexed" (p. 304).

The perplexity of the malignants may be well explained by the constitution of Cromwell's Council of State; one of the new members was Sam. Moyer, who had been chairman of the Haberdashers' Hall Committee, and was one of the "seven great sequestrators of England," and another was Col. Tomlinson, who had charge of the late King from his imprisonment at Carisbrooke to Windsor, St. James's, and at length to the scaffold (p. 339). It contained only three names, besides that of Cromwell, which were on the preceding Council, viz., Col. Rich. Norton, Sir Gilb. Pickering, and Walter Strickland, and only six more that had been on any former Council. Amongst the names omitted are most of the lawyers, Bradshaw, the two lord chief justices Rolle and St. John, the two commissioners of the great seal Lisle and Whitelock, and Attorney-General Prideaux. On the other hand the military element was strongly increased. It numbered three major-generals, one lieutenant-general, six colonels, one major, and one captain; Viscount Lisle was the only peer on the board, but his attendances were few, and there were three knights.

Its meetings were 242, from the end of April to October, but though its members were 31 in number, the average attendance was only 10·27; Strickland's attendances were the most numerous, 189, Cromwell and Maj.-Gen. Desborow's each 161.

The new Council of State met for the first time on April 29th, and Major-Gen. Lambert was chosen President. Their first order was for an account of the state of the treasuries; the next day they appointed a Committee for taking the accounts of the kingdom (pp. 299, 301), and numerous changes were quietly effected in almost every department of the administration.

The replacing of the late Parliament by one to be chosen by Cromwell himself, was the next important step. It

was at first proposed that the number should be 70, that of the Jewish Sanhedrim, but that idea was enlarged and the number almost doubled, and it was said that all the lords still residing within the commonwealth should be summoned to attend personally on all occasions of emergency (p. 339). The original summons by Cromwell to Praise God Barebone to sit as member for the city of London, will be found under date of June 6th (p. 386).

The preface to the last volume of this Calendar (p. xxiii) recorded the approach of troubles with the court of Tuscany, owing to the seizure by the English, in the port of Leghorn, of the Phœnix, a vessel which had been captured from them by the Dutch. Capt. Badiley vindicated the proceeding on the double plea that it was done far enough off to be beyond reach of the cannon of the fort guns, and that a port was not considered to be violated when there were no fire-arms used; pleading that Capt. Cox, the agent employed, had not fired a shot in the capture.

He argued further the strength of the inducements. That the ship was so excellent a sailer that it would serve as a model for the Hollanders; that it would betray other ships, by its English build, and by putting on English colours; and moreover, as a climax of exasperation, that young Tromp, having taken by treachery an English ship, the Samuel, had brought her into Leghorn, with the English colours trailing under her poop.

Capt. Appleton, one of the agents in the capture of the Phœnix, further complicated matters by attempting to seize a Dutch mariner and suspected spy from a sentinel on Leghorn Mould, for which action the Grand Duke had him seized and imprisoned, without access of friends, in the Castle of Pisa; the Duke wrote at the same time to Badiley, throwing the blame upon Appleton personally, and not on the republic of England, for which he professed

sincere estimation (pp. 4, 5, 31). Badiley entreated that Appleton might be released, and left to be called to account in England (p. 5). The Grand Duke complied, though not till Appleton had been four days in captivity; he was then removed under a strong guard, and kept two days more at Porto Ferraro, after which he was allowed to join Capt. Badiley on board the Paragon, on condition that he should be confined to that ship (p. 46). Badiley acknowledged the courtesy of his release by suspending Appleton from his command; but at length the Grand Duke consented that he should retain his command till the end of the present dispute with Holland (p. 195).

The Dutch were extremely mortified to find that their prize had slipped through their hands, and declared they would rather have lost six of their own ships (p. 24). Van Galen, the Admiral, who was absent at the time, stormed with rage on hearing that the frigate was lost, and told the Grand Duke that young Tromp would lose his head for his neglect when he got home, unless his father did some notable exploit meantime. It was remarked that the capture of the Phœnix was on St. Andrew's day, when the Dutch used to make a feast at Leghorn; but on that day, to ingratiate themselves with the Italians, they had engaged a friar to preach to all the captains and merchants on board, and their subsequent misfortune was thought a just judgment on their time-serving.

The angry Hollanders and also the French at Leghorn combined to keep up a feeling of irritation in the mind of the Grand Duke against England (pp. 40, 105), and he wrote to the Council of State desiring satisfaction for the Dutch, on the plea that the hostility had been committed in his port (p. 53). They answered that they would summon Appleton immediately to England, to answer for his misconduct to Parliament and Council, as they should

be most unwilling that the Grand Duke should be prejudiced by his civility to the English in his port.

At this juncture the tidings reached Italy of a great overthrow given to the English fleet under Gen. Blake, for to such dimensions grew the rumour in passing through Holland of the slight repulse in the Downs of Nov. 30th. These tidings showed the English fleet in Italy the futility of expecting any help from England (pp. 94, 107), and still further inclined the Grand Duke to do "what is usual in "this world, join himself with the strongest." A letter which he received from "the person called Charles II." did not lead him to show favour to the partizans of the Parliament of England (pp. 133, 317). He first refused to allow any more merchant ships to discharge their freights on Leghorn Mould, and thus the ships were not in a condition to engage in warfare; and then, although the Dutch fleet of 27 men-of-war prevented the English ships in Leghorn from uniting with those at Porto Ferraro, and made their force of six men-of-war and 14 merchant ships very unequal to that of the enemy, he issued a stern order to Capt. Badiley, either to surrender an English vessel in pawn for the Phœnix, or to cause all the English men-of-war to depart from the port within 10 days (pp. 133–4, 148, 189, 201).

Capt. Badiley, then at Porto Ferraro, exerted his utmost energies to strengthen his fleet by men and guns from the merchant ships (pp. 189, 201), and when the crisis arrived, he sailed out, plying near the imprisoned vessels, so as to succour them should they succeed in breaking through their formidable opponents (p. 195). The conflict took place on March 4th, but the issue was signally disastrous, for of the six ships which attempted to force their passage, only one escaped to join Badiley. The Bonadventure was blown up by the firing of her own powder; the Sampson

was fired by a Dutch fire-ship; the Leopard, in which was Capt. Appleton, was surrendered by her crew, contrary to the will of the captain, who declared that though there was no hope of saving her, he would rather have blown her up than given her up; and the Peregrine and another were taken and burned (p. 214). Of their crews only 280 sound and 90 wounded men remained, and these were all turned adrift, without clothes and victuals, at Leghorn, where the English agent took them in charge, and sent most of them off to man the ships hiring in Venice for English service (pp. 223, 234, 284).

The surviving officers taken, Appleton, Marsh, and Seaman, complained of great incivility on the part of their captors, but after the lapse of a few months, the agent, Longland, procured their release, on his own personal bond, with that of two other English merchants in Leghorn, that they should travel to Holland, and there surrender themselves prisoners of war.

The English Government, after this transaction, threw off the semblance of displeasure against the agents in the regaining of the Phœnix; Capt. Owen Cox obtained for each of the men concerned in the exploit a gift of 10*l.*, and he himself received the liberal grant of 500*l.** (pp. 161, 376).

The disaster in Italy was however more than compensated by successes near home. The Dutch had gained a slight advantage near the Ness, as already alluded to, on Nov. 30th, and a Dutch fleet of 90 sail plied unmolested between Folkstone and Dover (p. 10), but a few weeks later, the scale was turned. On Feb. 18th, the English fleet of 60 vessels, under Generals Monk, Blake, and

* A few of the later particulars of this transaction, though named here, do not appear in the present, but will be found in the next volume.—Ed.

Deane, encountered Van Tromp with 80 sail, and, after a three days' contest, signally defeated him, taking or destroying 17 men-of-war, and taking 50 merchant ships and 1,500 prisoners. Gen. Blake received a severe wound in the thigh, but great care was taken to afford him the best medical assistance. He was landed at Portsmouth, and when, a few weeks later, he grew worse, the Council of State sent down Drs. Prideaux and Bates in all haste, in a carriage with six horses, to attend him (p. 199). This was on March 6th; by March 14th he was in a hopeful condition; but his recovery was slow, and Dr. Dan. Whistler still remained purposely to attend him, though with hopes checked by the motto "*De senibus non temere sperandum*" (pp. 213, 218, 224). However the General was soon able to return to his duties.

A letter of congratulation and thanks was sent by the Council of State to the Generals on their recent victory, and the men were included in the thanks (pp. 183, 188).

A few months later the enemy were out again in force, and whilst the English fleet was at the Dogger bank in search of them, they sailed into Dover harbour, firing at several vessels, and threatening the town (p. 358). The English fleet meanwhile made steadily for the coast of Holland, and on June 2nd, 1653, encountered the Dutch, and were again victorious, sinking or burning 20 ships, and taking several more, but so severe was the contest that, at its close, they had but 16 rounds of powder and shot left for each gun; the loss of men in the whole fleet was reported at only 120, but amongst them was the brave old General Deane. He was much regretted by the country, and although there was a strong wish expressed to avoid the recurrence of the heavy expenditure which had attended the funeral of Cromwell's son-in-law, Ireton, enough was done to testify respect. A

committee was appointed to consider how the corpse should be brought from Woolwich, and to make arrangements for a public funeral, limiting the expense to 600*l.* (pp. 402, 410, 425).

The State barges were first ordered to be at the Tower on Friday, June 24, between 12 and 1 o'clock, and the Lord Mayor and aldermen of London, the Commissioners of the Great Seal and the Judges, were invited to attend the body thence to Westminster bridge, where it was to arrive at 7 o'clock; but the meeting place was afterwards appointed to be in the Star Chamber, Whitehall, between 4 and 5 p.m. (pp. 429, 434). For the water procession, barges and watermen, not exceeding 350, were ordered to be impressed, guns to be planted on the banks of the river at certain distances, and the Lieutenant of the Tower was ordered to deliver out powder for firing as the procession passed (p. 479). Of the actual ceremony no details are given, but the expenses amounted to 800*l.*, not 600*l.* as proposed (p. 491).

To return to the war with Holland. A few days after Gen. Deane's death, six of the Dutch West India ships were taken, sunk, or burnt near the Flie, on their homeward voyage; their East India ships were laid wait for, and their only body of men-of-war, 58 ships that were left together, were blocked up in the Weilings by Blake and Monk (pp. 399, 419). These reverses naturally brought about the desire for peace, and before the end of the month, an envoy, bearing a white flag on the mast of his pinnace, sailed up the Thames to enter into a treaty, arriving in time to witness the solemnity of a day of thanksgiving kept on June 23rd for the victory lately gained (pp. 435–6).

In spite of the successes at sea, the obtaining of a sufficient supply of mariners was one of the greatest

difficulties with which the Government had to cope (pp. 22, 28, 83). This may be partly accounted for by the inherent loyalty of the sailors to their King, partly by their knowledge that should they meet at sea any of the revolted fleet, under Prince Rupert, they might have to measure arms against their own countrymen; but most of all, probably, by the delay and uncertainty in the payment of their wages, and in the distribution of the prize money, in case they captured any of the enemy's vessels.

To counteract this difficulty, Parliament, in December 1652, offered encouragements to mariners in the shape of better provision for the sick and wounded, higher wages, and a better mode of sharing prizes (pp. 42, 43), and also devised plans for relief of the widows, &c. of those slain in service (p. 80). These were at first productive of good results, and men came in cheerfully and in good numbers (p. 84).

The relief was but temporary however; for on Jan. 26th, we find the Council of State reduced to the expedient of ordering a supply from the Thames watermen, upon whose obedience there was a strong hold in the fact that if they were refractory, they were to forfeit the liberty of rowing in the Thames (pp. 126, 294).

The impressing of the Tyne keelmen was attempted, but they had no clothes, nor means of procuring any, "and "such nasty creatures on board would do more harm "than good," it was said. The captain who did press 50 of them was forced to discharge them, on account of "the mighty clamour of their wives" (p. 353).

In March a stop was put to the granting of privateers' commissions until the fleet should be supplied, and the Generals had leave to take men out of privateers (p. 217), and later one or two each were allowed to be taken out of fishing boats (pp. 377–8).

Vessels were also sent with press warrants to take men from collier and other trading vessels, homeward bound, leaving them only a crew sufficient to carry their ships safely home. To escape impress, the spare men were often put ashore many miles distant from their ports, and made their way home by land (p. 317).

Numerous instances are recorded of men receiving press money, and never appearing; of some indeed who made it their business to go from one town to another that was likely to be visited by the press-masters, receive the money, and then decamp, go elsewhere, and receive it again (pp. 22, 234, 329, 364). Some seamen hid from the press, and could not be found except by dragging them from their beds at night, or hunting them out of cliffs and rocks (pp. 226, 228, 324, 338). Others tried to escape by taking to the plough and spade (p. 277).

But little assistance could be obtained from the mayors and constables of the seaport towns, as they were often men engaged in commerce, wanting mariners, and fearful of incurring the dislike of the seamen of their native towns (pp. 241, 281, 329, 377, 448). The military authorities were on several occasions applied to, and Col. Overton, Governor of Hull, threatened the constables, and also the Mayor of Grimsby, to send *them* to sea if they opposed instead of aiding the press (p. 356).

Instances occur of deserters after impress being sent to prison, but released too soon to make the punishment severe (pp. 361, 377).

The press-masters had a weary time of it, meeting with little countenance from the local authorities, with much abuse, and sometimes with blows (pp. 349, 361). Nor did they escape blame from official quarters, on account of their impressing unfit men, freshwater men, landsmen, and

labourers, either from the impossibility of finding seamen, or from their own corruption in receiving bribes from the mariners to allow them to slip away, that they might engage themselves on merchant vessels or privateers, "preferring to serve any master rather than the State" (pp. 22, 49, 277, 287, 304, 306, 323).

The papers relating to the Navy are numerous in the present and succeeding volumes, but many of them merely relate to the equipment of ships, supply of officers, &c. These are tabulated at the end of each volume, while the more important, such as relate to the engagements with the Dutch, or such as illustrate the general feeling and temper of the country, are incorporated in the body of the Calendar.

The preface to the last volume alludes to the arrival in England of deputies from Scotland, the purport of whose visit was to arrange the terms of a union between the two realms, and more especially a plan for a united Parliament. The House of Lords at Westminster was the place appointed for their meeting; it was matted and fitted up for warmth, and great pains were taken in its preparation, to have the arrangements similar to those made when Commissioners from the English Parliament went to Scotland. The expense was considerable, 126*l.* a week, each of the 21 deputies being allowed 20*s.* a day, but it was to be paid out of the confiscated estates of delinquents in Scotland (pp. 49, 161).

The English Committee appointed to negotiate with them met for the first time on Oct. 14th, 1652, and Whitelock, Lord Commissioner of the Great Seal, took the chair; the Scotch deputies were requested to meet them the next day, bringing their commissions; and, to give time for deliberations, Parliament was requested to

continue the present commissions for justice, &c. in Scotland,—which were to expire on Nov. 1st—till April 1st following. On Oct. 15th the Scotch deputies attended, and the declaration of Parliament about the union of the commonwealths was read.*

Frequent interviews were held, and a good deal of mere formal business had to be transacted, before they could be recognised as deputies, and not as mere private persons. Then ensued a discussion as to the number of chief burghs in Scotland which assented to the Union;† and at length the Bill for Union was prepared, transcribed, and sent to the deputies, and became the subject of serious and prolonged discussion. The deputies requested a joint union, joint arms emblazoned, and the insertion into the Bill of the number of Scotch members of Parliament, and the time of the election. Their great anxiety was to know how many members would be allowed to Scotland, and they pressed that assessment might not be the rule of proportion, "in "regard of the inability of the people of Scotland" (p. 39). They urged that although the parishes in Scotland, 980, are almost one in ten to the 10,000 in England, yet as the intrinsic value of the latter was double, those in Scotland should be considered only one in 20 as regards assessment (p. 46). The Committee replied by the argument that several counties in England might plead poverty as well as Scotland, but that the proportion of members still followed the rule of assessment (p. 32).

England proposed 30 members only; Scotland requested 60, 120 being the number which had sat in Scotland, without

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* Pp. 425, 429, 439, 441, 456, Calendar of 1651–2.

† Pp. 460, 467, 475, 485, Calendar of 1651–2. For the sake of continuity of subject, these proceedings just begun in the last volume were left to be noticed in the present.—Ed.

the Lords, whereas those in England were reduced by the absence of the Lords, from 500 to 400;—the tremendous reduction of that number in the present Parliament being ignored in a treaty that was intended to be permanent (pp. 60, 207). As to the point of the 30 members however, the Parliament stood firm, stating that they had duly considered all the circumstances (p. 218).

Another pressing difficulty in Scotland was the want of money, owing to the prevalence of a counterfeit coinage. The deputies proposed a revival and repair of the Mint house in Scotland, the calling in of the false ryals, and payment of good coin for them, asked a stock of 10,000*l.* to start with (p. 46), and urged the great burdens the people were under, by the want of a Mint, the false ryals, and also the heavy scale of the assessments (p. 207). This last they complain is so heavy that they cannot subsist under it, and there must be some abatement in the first instance, "for better satisfying the people of Scotland," whose discontent is such that there are many persons altogether disaffected to the union; and rumours arrived of meetings of a dangerous character, held in Edinburgh and elsewhere, "tending to keep off "the hearts of the people from it" (p. 266).

The interference of England in the internal administration of Scotland was another subject of grievous complaint. The deputies moved that Scotland should be governed by its own laws, till the laws for a joint commonwealth were established; that their former court of a president and 12 judges should be revived, and justice not left to men's private judgments; and that no judge should be appointed but by advice of the Parliament of Scotland.

An Act of general pardon was prepared for Scotland, by

which the numerous delinquents who had joined the King's party were to be admitted, though on severe conditions, to their forfeited estates, and the deputies were anxious that until this Act passed, the Commissioners for confiscated estates in Scotland should forbear dealing with the profits of sequestrated estates (p. 46). The draft of the Bill was brought in by Whitelock on Jan. 14th, and he was requested to present it to Parliament (p. 103), but the deputies urged that before the provision in the Act, excepting from its benefit persons whose estates are confiscated, be resolved on, their objections against it should be heard (p. 215).

In less important points the deputies met with ready compliance. Their own persons and estates were protected during their service in England. The vacancies in the places of sheriffs and commissaries in Scotland were ordered to be supplied; and an effort was made to relieve and obtain the release of the Scotch prisoners still in Chelsea College and elsewhere, in England (pp. 103, 208).

In April 1653, the volume of journals of proceedings with the Scotch deputies abruptly terminated, and although they continued their work, there is no record of its progress, beyond orders in the Council of State relating to several of the above and other points, passed on June 16th (pp. 416–8).

As to points of internal administration there are several papers relating to the farming of the excise (pp. 252, 256, 270); also concerning the increase of excise upon certain commodities, saltery wares, wools, &c., to meet the deficit caused by taking off the tax on the old and new Draperies (pp. 90, 129, 136, 220).

The Post Office, after numerous and lengthened dis-

cussions upon the claims of individuals (pp. 109–11, 159), was let out to farm (pp. 366–7). No sum less than 6,300*l.* a year was to be accepted, but the offers varied between 8,000*l.* and 10,000*l.*, and ultimately that of John Manley was accepted, and he appointed for two years farmer of both the inland and foreign letter office (pp. 311–2, 368, 448, 451, 455).

The items of local interest are not numerous. The town of Marlborough in Wiltshire was ravaged by a fire, which broke out on April 28th at the lower end, destroyed 224 houses, a church, and the market place, the loss being estimated at 70,000*l.* The Council of State authorised a general collection to be made on behalf of the town, and a special Committee of aldermen and others of London was appointed to promote the collection, and distribute the money raised in due proportions for rebuilding the town (pp. 316–7).

The government of the Isle of Man formed the subject of a letter from Council to Lord Fairfax, on whom the island had devolved after the surrender of the Earl of Derby, and on his promising to comply with their wishes upon the subject, the Parliamentary garrisons were withdrawn, and the island left to his Lordship's sole governance and responsibility (pp. 141, 336).

The town of Great Yarmouth suffered so much from the Dutch men-of-war hovering about the coasts that its fishing fleet of 150 vessels was reduced to three, and the town having lost 200,000*l.* in the late wars, was well nigh ruined, poverty so increasing that several persons were rated at from 8*s.* to 10*s.* a week for the poor; and besides this, the town had to raise 700*l.* a year to maintain the harbour and pier. The bailiffs thereupon sent to Council an elaborate proposal for its relief, by making it, as well as several other seaports, the seats of Navy

Committees, which should exercise extensive powers, and supply ships from local stores, instead of sending them to London; they plead that their harbour is the safest in England when ships are in, and that more ships pass their roads than any other place (pp. 85–7).

Among the noticeable persons in these papers we find Col. John Lilburne, the sturdy opposer of tyranny, whether in a regal or Parliamentary form. Though banished for life in 1652, he sent his wife over to obtain leave for his return, in which she failed; but he, impatient of delay, ventured over from Calais, and was at once committed to prison, and order taken for a trial, which it was thought would go against him, as some of his letters written in exile and intercepted would be produced in evidence. "My Lord "Mayor," says a news writer, on June 16th, "by a "warrant from the Lord General and his junto council, "committed legislative John Lilburne yesterday from "Guildhall to Newgate, and it is verily believed he will "be hanged forthwith, as his turbulent and restless spirit "seems to be so incompatible with my Lord General's "intended government for the future" (pp. 420, 436).

The literary Marquis of Worcester, known by his "Century of Inventions," was lingering a prisoner in the Tower for his adherence to the cause of Charles II., and he petitions earnestly and repeatedly for relief and allowance for his subsistence, out of an audit roll of 29,000*l.* and an estate of 4,000*l.* a year, which he held during his father's life; he complains that he cannot pay for his Tower lodgings or fee, and that his baker and butcher are pressing him; that had he been taken in arms, he and his family would not have been left without bread, but he has lived six months in prison on credit, which is failing. In his petitions, he styles himself Earl of Worcester only, his late father's elevation to the marquisate taking place in Nov. 1642,

when the titles conferred by the King were not recognised by Parliament.

His second wife, a daughter of the Earl of Thomond, also petitions, pleading that though her portion was 20,000*l.*, she has only received 400*l.* in six years, and but for the charity of friends must perish (pp. 67, 100, 244).

His last petition is to Cromwell, after he had dissolved Parliament; the Earl lauds his unparalleled endeavours for the common welfare, and adds in reference to himself that "No subject in England has been so hardly dealt "with, but having recourse to the fountain-head of mercy "and nobleness, whose chrystalline waters may now run "without interruption, my heart is elevated with hopes" (p. 330). These hopes were not doomed to be disappointed; 3*l.* a week was allowed him two days after, to be paid weekly or otherwise, as he might choose, and with arrears (pp. 331, 398, 399, 454).

The Marquis of Argyle excited displeasure in Scotland by selling his cannon to the commonwealth, but he showed some cunning, for instead of selling all, he had buried 44 brass pieces within sea mark on the Kintyre coast, recoverable in 48 hours, with which he could readily supply his castle (p. 241).

The disposal of Henry, Duke of Gloucester, whose position at Carisbrook Castle was thought unfitting during war with Holland, came under discussion (p. 12), and an order of Parliament concerning "Mr. Henry Stuart," was referred to Council, and by them to the Committee for Foreign Affairs (pp. 12, 20, 23). The latter decided that he should be sent to some place in France or Flanders, and that the selection of the place, and of the persons to attend him, should be left to himself (p. 27); that 400*l.*, afterwards reduced to 200*l.*, should be allowed him for travelling; that he should have 1,000*l.* assigned by bills of exchange payable

at Antwerp, or elsewhere; and that the Admiralty Committee should appoint a vessel for him, with four servants and necessaries, to Dunkirk. Also that the debts due on his behalf in the Isle of Wight, should be discharged (pp. 53, 56, 57). On Dec. 31st, the young duke signed a power of attorney to Rich. Lovell, his tutor, to receive the sums granted him by Parliament and the Council of State for his journey, and a pass was granted him (pp. 65, 102).

On Feb. 2nd, Col. Sydenham, Governor of the Isle of Wight, writes that Lovell has procured a small vessel of Southampton for him, and got all ready for his departure, but that his custodian, Ant. Mildmay, not being satisfied with the warrant already sent, absolutely refuses to let the boy go out of his custody, without a special order from Council, and keeps him locked up in his own lodgings. The poor boy himself wrote to Council, saying that since the warrant for his transportation came, he has heard little of his liberty, but many threats to hinder his going, and is even not allowed to walk about the castle, Mr. Mildmay being resolved to keep him, and refusing him bed, blanket, or any utensils to carry on shipboard (pp. 141–2).

This appeal proved successful, and on Feb. 12th, Col. Sydenham wrote that in compliance with Council's orders, he had seen Henry Stuart on board a ship provided for him at Cowes, and accommodated with all necessaries for the voyage, and that once on board, they forthwith set sail, "without much notice or observance," which Sydenham endeavoured to prevent as much as possible; but he adds that "some private men-of-war were more free in their salutes than became them" (p. 162).

Strict inquiry was ordered about the privateers who had offered the semblance of a royal salute to the prince, but no note of any penalty inflicted on them occurs.

The weather proved stormy; the vessel was small and inconvenient, and the prince suffered so much from sea-sickness that when they reached Dover, two days later, his tutor landed, and as the wind was contrary, requested leave for the duke to come on shore for refreshment, showing the Mayor of Dover, to whom he applied, warrants from Council and from the two Generals at sea, for his safe passage. The Mayor consulted with the Governor of Dover Castle, and thinking that no prejudice to the State could occur, the permission was granted, with the hope that it would "be in no way displeasing to "the State" (p. 164).

The last notice of the Duke is an amusingly elaborate letter from Sir Edw. Walker, Garter King-at-arms, to Sir Edw. Nicholas, both being in Holland, about the distinction in arms to be worn by the young prince, going back as far as Edward III. for precedents, but finally advising, on a label argent, three roses gules (pp. 221–2).

The literary items worthy of notice are, a proposition for a new translation of the Bible, subject to the approval of a committee of divines and learned men (pp. 73–4).

The letter from Milton, of Feb. 21st, 1653, requesting the appointment of And. Marvel as his assistant secretary, should he be thought to require one, on the death of Weckerlyn, though he adds, "for my part I find no "encumbrance of that which belongs to me, except it be "in point of attendance at conferences with ambassadors, "which I must confess, in my condition, I am not fit for" (p. 177).

The committal to the Gatehouse, of the printer of "a lying pamphlet," called *Mercurius Britannicus*, who was only released on security for good conduct (pp. 78, 88).

John Selden's elaborate vindication of English rights at sea, *Mare clausum*, was translated into English by order of

the Committee for Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed, and the translator had 200*l.* for his pains (p. 144). An account of the original French MS. on which it was founded, occurs on p. 259.

In concluding these remarks, I have again the pleasure of acknowledging the services of Mr. G. J. Morris, B.A., clerk, and Mr. G. W. Thompson, transcriber of the Public Record Office, in the compilation of this volume.

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TABLE of DAILY ATTENDANCES of the MEMBERS of the FIFTH COUNCIL OF STATE, 1652–3.

—	December 1652.																																				
	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	Total. 33
Allein, Fras.	e	e	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	l	e	l	—	l	—	—	—	8
Bond, Denis	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	l	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	18
Bourchier, Sir John	e	—	e	l	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	12
Bradshaw, John	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	33
Brereton, Sir Wm.	e	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	l	—	—	—	—	l	e	e	—	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	l	l	l	l	12
Cawley, Wm.	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	l	e	e	—	l	e	l	e	e	—	e	l	e	e	23
Challoner, Thos.	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	l	e	—	—	e	—	l	e	—	—	8
Cromwell, Oliver	—	—	e	—	l	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	l	—	—	l	e	l	e	e	—	—	l	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	19
Feilder, John	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	l	e	—	—	—	e	l	l	e	—	e	l	l	e	—	—	—	—	l	e	—	e	e	—	l	e	21
Goodwin, Rob.	e	—	l	—	l	e	l	e	—	e	—	l	—	e	e	e	l	—	e	l	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	l	20
Grey, Thomas, Lord Grey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	1
Gurdon, John	e	e	l	l	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	l	e	e	—	l	e	—	e	e	—	e	l	e	—	25
Harrington, Sir Jas.	e	—	l	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	l	—	—	—	10
Harrison, Maj.-Gen. Thos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	l	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	l	—	—	10
Hesilrigge, Sir Art.	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	l	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	—	e	—	l	e	—	—	l	l	e	—	13
Ingoldsby, Col.	e	e	l	—	l	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	l	l	l	—	—	l	—	e	—	l	e	—	—	—	—	—	l	l	l	18
Lisle, John	e	—	—	l	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	l	l	—	e	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	—	l	e	e	e	l	l	—	—	—	e	14
Lister, Thos.	e	e	l	e	e	e	—	l	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	24
Love, Nich.	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	l	e	e	—	l	—	l	e	l	e	—	—	e	e	l	—	l	e	l	e	e	—	l	l	l	e	23
Masham, Sir W.	e	e	l	e	—	e	e	l	e	e	—	—	e	e	l	l	e	e	e	l	l	e	e	l	e	l	—	e	e	e	l	e	—	28
Mildmay, Sir Hen.	e	e	l	e	e	e	l	l	e	—	e	l	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	l	l	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	25
Morley, Herbert	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	l	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Norton, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	l	—	e	4
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	e	—	l	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	l	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	l	—	e	e	l	—	e	—	14
Prideaux, Edm.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	e	l	—	l	l	—	5
Purefoy, Wm.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	l	—	e	l	e	e	—	e	e	e	l	e	—	—	e	l	e	—	24
Rolle, Hen.	—	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	13
St. John, Oliver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	l	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Salisbury, Earl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	l	—	l	—	l	—	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	15
Say, Wm.	e	e	l	—	e	—	e	l	e	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	l	l	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	22
Scott, Thos.	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	—	e	e	e	l	e	e	l	l	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	l	e	—	28
Sidney, Col.	e	e	e	e	l	—	e	l	—	e	—	l	—	e	l	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	l	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	23
Skippon, Phil.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	—	5
Strickland, Walter	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	—	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	27
Thompson, George	e	e	l	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	—	e	l	l	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	l	e	l	l	25
Trevor, Sir John	e	e	l	l	e	—	e	l	e	e	—	—	e	l	—	l	e	—	—	l	—	—	e	e	—	l	—	—	e	l	l	l	l	22
Vane, Sir Hen., jun.	—	e	e	e	l	e	l	—	e	e	—	—	—	l	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	l	l	l	—	18
Wallop, Rob.	—	—	e	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Wauton, Val.	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	l	—	e	—	e	l	l	—	—	10
Wentworth, Sir P.	—	—	e	l	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	12
Whitelock, B.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	31

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Fifth Council of State—*cont.*

—	Jan. 1653.																								
	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	29	Totals. 23
Allen, Fras.	—	—	l	l	e	—	—	e	—	—	l	—	l	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	l	e	10
Bond, Denis	—	e	e	l	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	13
Bourchier, Sir John	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	12
Bradshaw, John	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	22
Brereton, Sir Wm.	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	l	—	—	—	e	—	—	4
Cawley, Wm.	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	l	e	—	e	—	e	e	l	—	e	—	l	—	13
Challoner, Thos.	—	—	l	e	e	—	e	—	l	—	e	e	l	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	13
Cromwell, Oliver	—	—	—	l	e	l	—	e	—	—	e	—	l	—	—	e	l	l	—	l	l	—	e	12
Feilder, John	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	l	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	l	e	l	e	14
Goodwin, Rob.	—	e	—	l	—	—	e	—	e	e	l	l	l	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Grey, Lord	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	l	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	—	7
Gurdon, John	e	l	l	l	l	e	—	—	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	20
Harrington, Sir Jas.	—	l	l	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	l	—	l	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	—	8
Harrison, Thos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	l	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	l	—	5
Hesilrigge, Sir Art.	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Ingoldsby, Col.	—	—	—	l	—	l	e	e	l	l	l	l	e	e	e	l	e	—	e	l	—	l	—	16
Lisle, John	—	l	l	l	—	l	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	l	e	l	l	e	l	e	13
Lister, Thos.	e	e	l	e	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	l	—	—	—	—	12
Love, Nich.	e	l	e	l	l	l	—	e	l	l	—	—	l	e	l	—	e	l	—	e	—	l	—	16
Masham, Sir Wm.	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	l	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	—	e	e	20
Mildmay, Sir Hen.	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	l	—	l	l	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	15
Morley, Herbert	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	0
Norton, Col.	—	l	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	l	e	l	—	10
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	2
Prideaux, Edw.	—	e	e	l	—	—	—	—	—	l	l	l	—	l	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Purefoy, Wm.	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	—	l	e	—	e	21
Rolle, Hen.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	20
St. John, Oliver	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Salisbury, Earl	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	l	—	l	—	9
Say, Wm.	—	e	e	l	—	—	—	—	l	l	e	e	—	e	l	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	17
Scott, Thos.	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	l	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	16
Sidney, Col.	—	e	e	l	e	l	e	e	e	—	l	l	l	—	e	e	e	l	l	l	e	e	—	19
Skippon, Phil.	—	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	l	—	—	—	e	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	7
Strickland, Walter	e	l	l	l	e	l	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Thompson, George	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	e	e	l	l	—	l	e	l	—	—	—	—	e	9
Trevor, Sir John	—	e	—	l	e	l	—	e	e	—	e	l	e	l	—	—	—	l	—	l	e	—	e	14
Vane, Sir Hen., jun.	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	l	l	—	e	l	e	—	e	e	—	l	—	—	—	e	11
Wallop, Rob.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Wauton, Val.	e	l	e	e	e	l	e	e	l	e	e	l	e	e	l	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	22
Wentworth, Sir P.	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	l	—	—	e	e	e	l	—	l	—	13
Whitelock, B.	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	—	—	l	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Fifth Council of State—*cont.*

—	February 1653.																															
	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	11	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	21	22	22	23	23	24	25	26	28	Totals 30.
Allein, Fras.	l	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	l	l	—	e	—	l	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	e	—	11
Bond, Denis	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	l	e	l	e	e	—	e	19
Bourchier, Sir John	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	17
Bradshaw, John	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	30
Brereton, Sir Wm.	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	l	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	11
Cawley, Wm.	—	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	e	l	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	l	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	l	16
Challoner, Thos.	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	l	—	—	—	l	—	l	—	—	e	—	e	l	15
Cromwell, Oliver	l	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	l	e	l	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	l	—	—	e	l	14
Feilder, John	l	l	e	e	e	e	e	l	—	e	l	—	e	e	l	—	—	e	e	e	l	e	e	l	—	l	e	—	e	e	24
Goodwin, Rob.	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	l	l	—	—	e	e	e	l	—	e	e	—	l	—	l	—	l	l	—	e	e	17
Grey, Lord	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	l	—	l	—	e	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Gurdon, John	e	l	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	—	l	—	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	20
Harrington, Sir Jas.	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	l	—	—	—	—	3
Harrison, Thos.	l	l	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	l	l	l	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Hesilrigge, Sir Art.	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	4
Ingoldsby, Col.	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	e	e	—	e	—	l	e	l	l	e	—	—	l	—	l	—	l	—	e	—	—	15
Lisle, John	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	—	—	7
Lister, Thos.	l	l	—	—	—	—	e	l	e	—	—	—	—	e	l	—	—	l	e	—	—	e	—	l	e	e	—	e	—	e	15
Love, Nich.	l	e	—	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	l	—	l	—	—	l	e	e	e	e	l	l	e	—	—	21
Masham, Sir Wm.	l	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	l	e	l	e	e	l	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	l	e	e	—	—	e	e	26
Mildmay, Sir Hen.	—	l	e	e	e	—	—	e	—	—	l	e	—	e	—	l	e	—	e	—	e	l	—	l	e	e	—	e	—	e	18
Morley, Herbert	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Norton, Col.	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	—	e	—	l	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	—	l	—	—	l	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	e	l	7
Prideaux, Edm.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	6
Purefoy, Wm.	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	l	l	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	l	e	e	l	e	e	—	—	—	—	21
Rolle, Hen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	5
St. John, Oliver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	1
Salisbury, Earl	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	16
Say, Wm.	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	l	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	l	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	13
Scott, Thos.	l	l	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	l	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	24
Sidney, Col.	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	l	l	l	—	e	l	e	e	l	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	22
Skippon, Phil.	—	l	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	l	e	e	—	—	7
Strickland, Walter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	l	e	e	e	—	e	—	l	e	—	l	e	e	l	e	l	—	—	—	e	16
Thompson, George	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	l	l	—	e	l	—	l	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	l	e	—	e	—	12
Trevor, Sir John	l	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	l	e	l	l	—	e	—	l	e	e	—	—	l	e	—	e	22
Vane, Sir Hen., jun.	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	l	l	—	—	—	l	l	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	l	e	—	—	—	13
Wallop, Rob.	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	l	—	e	—	—	—	—	l	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	—	—	—	9
Wauton, Val.	l	l	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	l	e	e	e	—	—	l	e	—	e	l	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	l	22
Wentworth, Sir P.	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	l	l	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	l	—	e	—	—	13
Whitelock, B.	l	l	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Fifth Council of State—*cont.*

Names.	March 1653.																									
	1	2	4	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	27	28	29	30	31	Totals, 24.
Allein, Fras.	—	e	—	—	l	—	—	l	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	l	—	—	7
Bond, Denis	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	22
Bourchier, Sir John	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	11
Bradshaw, John	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	22
Brereton, Sir Wm.	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	l	—	l	—	—	e	l	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	10
Cawley, Wm.	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Challoner, Thos.	—	e	e	e	l	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	e	l	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	14
Cromwell, Oliver	e	l	e	l	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	6
Feilder, John	—	l	e	—	l	—	—	—	—	l	—	e	—	—	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	15
Goodwin, Rob.	—	l	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	e	—	l	l	—	l	e	l	e	10
Grey, Lord	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Gurdon, John	e	l	e	l	e	e	—	l	e	l	e	e	l	—	e	—	e	—	l	e	l	e	l	e	20
Harrington, Sir Jas.	—	—	e	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	l	—	—	l	—	l	—	—	—	—	l	7
Harrison, Thos.	e	e	e	—	—	l	e	—	—	—	c	e	—	e	—	e	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Hesilrigge, Sir Art.	l	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	6
Ingoldsby, Col.	l	l	c	l	l	l	e	l	—	l	e	e	l	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
Lisle, John	—	—	—	—	l	—	e	l	e	—	e	e	e	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	9
Lister, Thos.	—	l	e	e	l	l	—	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	—	l	—	e	e	—	—	18
Love, Nich.		l	—	—	e	l	e	e	—	l	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	l	c	—	l	e	e	e	17
Masham, Sir Wm.	e	e	e	—	e	l	—	l	e	l	—	e	e	l	e	e	l	—	c	e	e	—	l	e	19
Mildmay, Sir Hen.		e	e	e	—	e	e	l	—	e	—	e	l		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Morley, Herbert	—	·	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	e	l	l	e	e	—	l	—	e	—	9
Norton, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	2
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	—	l	—	—	—	l	l	—	—	l	e	e	—	l	—	l	—	l	—	e	—	l	—	—	11
Prideaux, Edw.	—	—	—	—	l	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	l	e	13
Purefoy, Wm.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Rolle, Hen.	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
St. John, Oliver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	—	—	—	—	l	—	3
Salisbury, Earl	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	—	—	e	—	—	—	9
Say, Wm.	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	—		e	—	e	—	e	e	—	l	—	—	—	19
Scott, Thos.	—	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	l	l	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	e	16
Sidney, Col.	l	—	e	e	l	—	e	—	e	l	—	—		e	—	—	e	l	—	—	c	—	e	—	12
Skippon, Phil.	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	l	—	—	4
Strickland, Walter	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	16
Thompson, George	—	—	—	—	l	l	—	—	—	e	—	e	l	e	—	e	l	e	e	e	—	e	l	—	13
Trevor, Sir John	e	l	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	l	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	l	e	e	l	l	e	—	14
Vane, Sir Hen., jun.	—	—	—	—	l	e	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	l	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	10
Wallop, Rob.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Wauton, Val.	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	l	—	l	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Wentworth, Sir P.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	1
Whitelock, B.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	2

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Fifth Council of State—*cont.*

Names.	April 1653.												
	1	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	11	13	14	15	Totals 12.
Allein, Fras.	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	l	e	5
Bond, Denis	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	12
Bourchier, Sir J.	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	l	e	e	4
Bradshaw, John	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	12
Brereton, Sir Wm.	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	—	3
Cawley, Wm.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Challoner, Thos.	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	6
Cromwell, Oliver	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	l	—	l	—	4
Feilder, John	e	e	e	l	e	—	e	—	e	l	—	—	8
Goodwin, Rob.	l	l	l	l	e	e	e	e	e	—	l	—	10
Grey, Lord	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Gurdon, John	—	e	l	l	e	e	e	—	l	l	l	—	9
Harrington, Sir Jas.	l	—	l	—	e	—	e	—	—	l	l	e	7
Harrison, Thos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Hesilrigge, Sir Art.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	l	3
Ingoldsby, Col.	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	l	—	8
Lisle, John	e	e	e	l	e	—	—	—	l	e	l	e	9
Lister, Thos.	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	8
Love, Nich.	l	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	8
Masham, Sir Wm.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Mildmay, Sir Hen.	l	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	7
Morley, Herbert	—	l	e	l	e	e	e	—	e	—	l	e	9
Norton, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	—	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Prideaux, Edm.	e	e	e	l	—	—	e	e	—	l	l	e	9
Purefoy, Wm.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Rolle, Hen.	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	8
St. John, Oliver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Salisbury, Earl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	2
Say, Wm.	l	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	l	—	4
Scott, Thos.	—	l	e	l	e	—	e	e	—	—	l	e	8
Sidney, Col.	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	l	—	e	—	6
Skippon, Phil.	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	4
Strickland, Walter	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	l	—	—	6
Thompson, George	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	4
Trevor, Sir John	—	l	e	—	e	—	—	—	l	—	—	l	5
Vane, Sir Hen., jun.	l	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	l	9
Wallop, Rob.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Wauton, Val.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Wentworth, Sir P.	l	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	8
Whitelock, B.	e	l	l	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	5

Total Daily Attendance of the Members of the Fifth Council of State.

* Members who were on a previous Council of State, but not the last.
† Members on the last Council.

	1652–3.					
Months	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Totals.
No. of Sittings held	23	23	30	24	12	121
*Allein, Ald. Fras.	8	10	11	7	5	41
*Bond, Denis	18	13	19	22	12	84
*Bourchier, Sir John	12	12	17	11	4	56
†Bradshaw, John	33	22	30	22	12	119
*Brereton, Sir Wm.	12	4	11	10	3	40
*Cawley, Wm.	23	13	16	5	0	57
†Challoner, Thos.	8	13	15	14	6	56
†Cromwell, Oliver, Lord General	19	12	14	6	4	55
*Feilder, John	21	14	24	15	8	82
*Goodwin, Rob.	20	9	17	10	10	66
*Grey, Thomas, Lord Grey	1	7	7	0	0	15
†Gurdon, John	25	20	22	20	9	96
†Harrington, Sir Jas.	10	8	3	7	7	35
*Harrison, Thos.	10	5	7	10	0	32
†Hesilrigge, Sir Art.	13	5	4	6	3	31
Ingoldsby, Col.	18	16	15	13	8	70
†Lisle, John, Commissioner of the Great Seal	14	13	7	9	9	52
*Lister, Thos.	24	12	15	18	8	77
†Love, Nich.	23	16	21	17	8	85
†Masham, Sir Wm.	28	20	26	19	0	93
*Mildmay, Sir Hen.	25	15	18	10	7	75
†Morley, Herbert	7	0	0	9	9	25
Norton, Col.	4	10	8	2	0	24
†Pickering, Sir G.	14	2	7	11	1	35
*Prideaux, Edm., Attorney-General	5	8	6	13	9	41
†Purefoy, Col. Wm.	24	21	21	0	0	66
†Rolle, Hen., Chief Justice of the Upper Bench	13	20	5	2	8	48
†St. John, Oliver, ,, of the Common Pleas	7	5	1	3	0	16
*Salisbury, Earl	15	9	16	19	2	61
*Say, Wm.	22	17	13	9	4	65
†Scott, Thos.	28	16	24	16	8	92
Sidney, Col.	23	19	22	12	6	82
*Skippon, Phil.	5	7	7	4	4	27
*Strickland, Walter	27	15	16	16	6	80
*Thompson, George	25	9	12	13	4	63
*Trevor, Sir John	22	14	22	14	5	77
†Vane, Sir Hen., jun.	18	11	13	10	9	61
†Wallop, Rob.	2	0	9	0	0	11
†Wauton, Col. Val.	10	22	22	11	0	65
†Wentworth, Sir P.	12	13	13	1	8	47
†Whitelock, B., Commissioner of the Great Seal	31	4	3	2	5	45
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Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Sixth Council of State—*cont.*

Names.	April.				May 1653.																							
	29	29	30	30	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	9	9	10	10	11	11	12	12	13	13	14	14
Bennet, Col. Rob.	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	l	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—
Broughton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carew, John	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	l	—	—	—	—	e
Cooper, Sir A. A.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cromwell, O.	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	e
Courtney	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Desborow, Major-Gen.	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	e
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Harrison, Major-Gen.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e
Hewson, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hollister	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hope, Sir Jas.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Howard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jones, Col. Phil.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lambert, Major-Gen.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—
Laurence, Hen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lisle, Visct.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Major	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Montague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Moyer, Sam.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norton, Rich.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pickering, Sir G.	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e
St. Nicholas, Thos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salwey, Major Rich.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stapley, Col.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e
Strickland, W.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e
Sydenham, Col. W.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomlinson, Col. M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tichborne, Ald.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Williams, John	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wolseley, Sir Chas.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Sixth Council of State—*cont.*

Names.	May 1653—*cont.*																								
	16	16	17	17	18	18	19	19	20	20	21	21	23	23	24	24	25	25	26	26	27	27	30	30	31	Totals, 53.
Bennett, Col. R.	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	l	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	l	37
Broughton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Carew. John	l	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	l	—	—	—	—	—	l	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	22
Cooper, Sir A. A.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Cromwell, Oliver	l	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	l	27
Courtney	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Desborow, Major-Gen.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	47
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Harrison, Major-Gen.	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	46
Hewson, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Hollister	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Hope, Sir Jas.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Howard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Jones, Col. Phil.	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	21
Lambert, Major-Gen.	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	43
Lawrence, Hen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Lisle, Visct.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Major	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Montague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Moyer, Sam.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	—	e	e	l	7
Norton, Rich.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Pickering, Sir G.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	l	40
St. Nicholas, Thos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Salwey, Major Rich.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Stapley, Col.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	l	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	48
Strickland, W.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	46
Sydenham, Col. W.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Tomlinson, Col. M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	16
Tichborne, Ald.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Williams, John	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Wolseley, Sir C.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Sixth Council of State—*cont.*

Names.	June 1653.																																																	Total. 49
	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	10	11	11	13	13	14	14	15	15	16	16	17	17	18	18	20	20	21	21	22	22	24	25	25	27	27	28	28	29	29	30	30	
Bennett, Col. Rob.	–	–	–	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	–	–	19
Broughton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Carew, John	e	e	–	–	e	–	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	–	e	–	e	–	–	–	–	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	l	e	e	–	e	e	–	–	–	–	26
Cooper, Sir A. A.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Cromwell, O.	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	39
Courtney	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Desborow, Major-Gen.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e		e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	47
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Harrison, Major-Gen.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	–	–	e	–	–	e	–	e	36
Hewson, Col.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Hollister	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Hope, Sir Jas.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Howard	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Jones, Col. Phil.	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	–	–	–	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	37
Lambert, Major-Gen.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	–	–	e	–	e	–	e	e	–	–	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	–	–	e	–	e	–	e	e	–	32
Laurence, Hen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Lisle, Visct.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Major	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Montague	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Moyer, Sam.	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	–	e	–	35
Norton, Rich.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Pickering, Sir G.	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	e	l	e	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	e	–	–	12
St. Nicholas, Thos.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Salwey, Major Rich.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Stapley, Col.	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	41
Strickland, W.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	47
Sydenham, Col. W.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	–	–	–	e	4
Tomlinson, Col. M.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	43
Tichborne, Ald.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Williams, John	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Wolseley, Sir Chas.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Sixth Council of State—*cont.*

Names.	July 1653.																																		
	1	2	2	4	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	19	20	20	21	21	22	22	23	23	25	25	26	27	28	29	30	30	Totals, 33
Bennett, Col. Rob.	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Broughton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	14
Carew, John	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	l	l	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	18
Cooper, Sir A. A.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	17
Cromwell, O.	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	24
Courtney	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	16
Desborow, Major-Gen.	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	l	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	l	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	20
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Harrison, Major-Gen.	e	e	—	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	l	e	—	—	e	e	—	l	e	—	e	—	—	e	17
Hewson, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	12
Hollister	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Hope, Sir Jas.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	18
Howard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	l	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	20
Jones, Col. Phil.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Lambert, Major-Gen.	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Laurence, Hen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	16
Lisle, Visct.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Major	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	18
Montague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	19
Moyer, Sam.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	l		e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	23
Norton, Rich.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	l	l	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	l	—	18
Pickering, Sir G.	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
St. Nicholas, Thos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	16
Salwey, Major Rich.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Stapley, Col.	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Strickland, W.	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	27
Sydenham, Col. W.	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	—	—	—	e	l	l	e	—	l	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	18
Tomlinson, Col. M.	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	11
Tichborne, Ald.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	l	—	l	e	e	—	l	e	—	—	—	e	l	e	16
Williams, John	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	l	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	—	l	e	e	e	e	—	e	12
Wolseley, Sir Chas.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	22

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Sixth Council of State—*cont.*

Names.	August 1653.																																									Totals, 42.
	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	6	6	8	8	9	9	10	10	11	12	12	13	15	16	16	17	17	18	19	19	20	22	22	23	23	24	24	26	27	29	30	30	31	31	
Bennet, Col. Rob.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Broughton -	e	e	e	–	–	–	–	e	–	–	e	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	–	–	–	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	l	–	e	e	e	e	26
Carew, John -	–	e	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	–	–	–	e	–	e	–	e	–	–	e	e	–	12
Cooper, Sir Ant. A.	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	34
Cromwell, O. -	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	l	e	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	–	e	–	e	–	l	–	e	–	e	–	–	e	e	e	–	e	28
Courtney - -	e	e	–	e	e	–	–	–	–	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	–	33
Desborow, Major-Gen.	e	–	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	l	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	18
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Harrison, Major-Gen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Hewson, Col. -	e	–	–	e	–	e	–	–	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	l	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11
Hollister - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Hope, Sir Jas. -	e	–	e	e	–	–	e	–	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	–	–	e	e	l	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	–	e	e	–	–	–	25
Howard - -	e	e	e	e	e	l	e	e	–	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	l	–	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	–	33
Jones, Col. Phil. -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Lambert, Major-Gen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Laurence, Hen. -	–	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	–	e	–	–	–	e	–	e	e	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	14
Lisle, Visct. -	–	–	–	–	–	e	–	–	e	–	l	–	–	–	–	–	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	–	e	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	–	e	–	–	e	–	–	e	16
Major - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	–	e	–	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	e	e	–	–	l	e	e	e	e	e	17
Montague -	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	–	8
Moyer, Sam. -	–	e	e	e	–	–	–	e	e	e	l	e	–	e	e	e	–	–	–	e	e	e	–	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	25
Norton, Rich. -	e	e	e	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Pickering, Sir G. -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	–	e	e	–	–	–	l	–	e	e	–	–	e	–	e	e	e	e	–	e	–	e	–	e	e	e	20
St. Nicholas, Thos.	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	–	e	e	e	–	e	–	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20
Salwey, Major Rich.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Stapley, Col. -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Strickland, W. -	e	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	20
Sydenham, Col. W.	e	e	–	e	–	e	–	e	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	e	–	l	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	–	e	–	–	14
Tomlinson, Col. M.	e	e	–	e	–	e	e	–	–	–	e	–	e	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	–	–	e	e	16
Tichborne, Ald. -	–	e	e	e	e	–	–	–	e	–	e	–	–	–	e	–	–	e	–	e	–	–	e	–	e	e	–	e	–	–	e	–	e	e	–	e	–	–	–	e	–	e	19
Williams, John -	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	–	–	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7
Wolseley, Sir Chas.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	–	e	–	e	–	–	e	e	–	–	–	–	–	–	31

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Sixth Council of State—*cont.*

Names.	September 1653.																																			Total, 33
	1	2	3	5	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	12	12	13	13	14	15	16	17	19	19	20	21	22	23	24	24	26	27	28	28	29	30	
Bennet, Col. Rob.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Broughton	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—		e	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	e	21
Carew, John	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	18
Cooper, Sir A. A.	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	11
Cromwell, O.	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	17
Courtney	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	18
Desborow, Major-Gen.	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	—	—	—	15
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Harrison, Major-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	3
Hewson, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Hollister	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	4
Hope, Sir Jas.	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Howard	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	24
Jones, Col. Phil.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	17
Lambert, Major-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Laurence, Hen.	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	24
Lisle, Visct.	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	8
Major	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Montague	e	e	e	e	e	l	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	—	21
Moyer, Sam.	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Norton, Rich.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Pickering, Sir G.	e	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	15
St. Nicholas, Thos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	22
Salwey, Major Rich.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Stapley, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Strickland, W.	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	l	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	24
Sydenham, Col. W.	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	15
Tomlinson, Col. M.	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	10
Tichborne, Ald.	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	18
Williams, John	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Wolseley, Sir Chas.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	3

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Sixth Council of State—*cont.*

Names.	October 1653.																																
	1	1	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	10	11	12	13	14	15	15	17	18	19	20	21	22	24	25	26	27	28	28	29	29	31	Total, 32
Bennet, Col. Rob.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	8
Broughton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	l	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	15
Carew, John	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	14
Cooper, Sir A. A.	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	—	e	e	l	—	e	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	23
Cromwell, O.	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	26
Courtney	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	e	—	21
Desborow, Major-Gen.	e	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	e	—	e	—	14
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Harrison, Major-Gen.	e	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	4
Hewson, Col.	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	—	e	e	—	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	15
Hollister	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	—	—	e	—	e	—	e	e	l	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	—	13
Hope, Sir Jas.	—	—	e	e	—	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	—	e	—	—	e	19
Howard	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	24
Jones, Col. Phil.	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	—	—	e	e	—	—	—	e	—	e	e	e	—	e	e	e	e	e	23
Lambert, Major-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
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Total Daily Attendance of the Members of the Sixth Council of State.

* Members who were on a previous Council of State, but not the last.
† Members admitted for the first time.
The remainder were on the last Council.

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Months	April, May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Totals.
No. of Sittings held	53	49	33	42	33	32	242
Bennett, Col. Rob.	37	19	10	0	0	8	74
Broughton, Mr. -	0	0	14	26	21	15	76
*Carew, John - -	22	26	18	12	18	14	110
Cooper, Sir Ant. Ashley	0	0	17	34	11	23	85
†Cromwell, Oliver, Lord General	27	39	24	28	17	26	161
Courtney, Mr.	0	0	16	33	18	21	88
Desborow, Major-Gen. John	47	47	20	18	15	14	161
*Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen. Charles -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Harrison, Major-Gen. J.	46	36	17	0	3	4	106
Hewson, Col. John	0	0	12	11	5	15	43
Hollister, Mr. - -	0	0	3	0	4	13	20
Hope, Sir Jas.	0	0	18	25	10	19	72
Howard, Capt.	0	0	20	33	24	24	101
Jones, Col. Phil.	21	37	8	0	17	23	106
Lambert, Major-Gen. John -	43	32	2	0	0	0	77
Lawrence, Hen.	0	0	16	14	24	20	74
*Lisle, Viscount Phil. Sydney -	0	0	0	16	8	8	32
Major, Mr. -	0	0	18	17	20	23	78
Montague, Mr. -	0	0	19	8	21	18	66
Moyer, Sam.	7	35	23	25	16	10	116
†Norton, Rich.	0	0	18	4	0	1	23
†Pickering, Sir G.	40	12	19	20	15	12	118
St. Nicholas, Thos. -	0	0	16	20	22	14	72
*Salwey, Major Rich. -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Stapley, Col. -	48	41	8	0	0	6	103
†Strickland, Walter -	46	47	27	20	24	25	189
Sydenham, Col. Wm.	15	4	18	14	15	25	91
Tomlinson, Col.	16	43	11	16	10	0	96
Tichborne, Alderman	0	0	16	19	18	15	68
Williams, John - -	0	0	12	7	0	0	19
Wolseley, Sir Chas.	0	0	22	31	3	6	62

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Dec. 1. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Thurloe to have 800*l.* for the year to come, as clerk to the Council and to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

2, 3. Mr. Frost and Mr. Milton to be continued in the same employment and at the same salary as last year.

4. Mr. Allein and Col. Thompson added to the Committee for Scottish and Irish Affairs, which is to continue until Saturday.

5. To write to the three frigates at Plymouth the information Council has of the engagement with the Dutch; and to desire them, unless they have received orders from General Blake, to go to him to the Downs, and send a ketch before them to tell him Council's directions, and desire his orders.

6. Council to sit at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

7. The Navy Commissioners to hasten the ships in the Thames appointed for the winter guard. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **1.**]

8. One of the Navy Commissioners to attend Council to-morrow at 8 a.m. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 1, 2.]

Dec. 2. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To draw a warrant to give power to the captains of the private men-of-war now in the Thames (for enabling them to join General Blake's fleet) to impress seamen for their respective ships; this warrant to continue in force only a month, and the captains to bring in the numbers of men they desire.

2. To write to the Navy Committee that there are several ships in the Thames ready for sea, only wanting money, and that as the money that was in Council's hands for this purpose is transferred to them for the settling of this matter, they must appoint some speedy way of paying the said ships' companies.

3, 12. Lieut.-General Monk and the Navy Treasurer to attend Council this afternoon.

4. Three members of Council to be sent down to the fleet with General Blake, to pursue the instructions of Council.

5–7. Cols. Wauton and Morley, and Mr. Challoner, to be the Commissioners sent to the fleet.

8–10. The Commissioners to take with them a sum not exceeding 500*l.*, to be disposed of as they think best, and such and as many of the messengers as they think necessary; Capt. Limmery to attend them.

11. Mr. Frost to pay 50*l.* of the exigent money of Council to whomever the Commissioners appoint.

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13. Mr. Smith or Major Thompson to go on board the ships in the river, and hasten them to Gen. Blake, first attending the Navy Committee this afternoon, to hear what orders they make for paying the wages of the seamen.

14. Alderman Allein to represent to Parliament the necessity of speedily passing the Bill for doubling 100,000*l.* on the first Act for sale of delinquents' estates.

15. To write to the State's ships westward, to give them notice of the state of affairs, and to tell them to keep out of the way of the Dutch ships now at Dungeness.

16. The Navy Commissioners and Victuallers to attend Council at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

17. The question of the four private men-of-war to be considered to-morrow, when the Navy Commissioners are to be here.

18. To write to General Blake to acknowledge his letter giving an account of the engagement with the Dutch, and to give him the thanks of Council for his good deportment. Also to tell him that Commissioners are being sent to him, to consult with him on the carrying on of the public service.

19. The Lord General to be desired to give orders that such foot soldiers as he thinks necessary may march to Dover, and remain there ready for service.

20, 21. Mr. Scott to continue his business of managing the intelligence, at the same salary as last year, and the sole care of the intelligence business committed to him.

22. Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, Cols. Wauton, Purefoy, Ingoldsby, and Thompson, Mr. Lister, Mr. Goodwin, Sir Hen. Mildmay, and Mr. Strickland to be the Committee of Council for the Ordnance this year.

23. Sir Henry Vane, Mr. Bond, the Lord General, Sir Gilbert Pickering, Lord Commissioner Whitelock, Mr. Scott, Col. Purefoy, Sir James Harrington, Col. Morley, Mr. Allein, Col. Sidney, and Mr. Goodwin to be the Committee for the affairs of Ireland and Scotland for this year.

24. Sir Henry Vane, Mr. Challoner, Mr. Bond, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Allein, Col. Ingoldsby, Col. Thompson, Sir John Trevor, Col. Fielder, Col. Wauton, Col. Morley, and Col. Purefoy to be the Committee for the Admiralty.

25. Council to consider to-morrow how the Admiralty business may be best managed.

26. Lords Commissioners Whitelock and Lisle, Sir Henry Vane, Mr. Bond, Mr. Scott, the Lord General, Mr. Love, Col. Wauton, Col. Purefoy, Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Challoner, Col. Morley, Mr. Strickland, Sir Wm. Masham, Col. Thompson, Col. Sidney, Major Lister, Mr. Gurdon, Sir Gilbert Pickering, and Mr. Allein to be the Committee for Trade and Plantations and Foreign Affairs.

27. The Admiralty Judges to carry into execution the judgment of their court against Abraham [Motham], Thos. Chelston, William

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Bett, and John Hanson, to the value of the Anne of Sebastian, and her lading belonging to the Prince of Condé, and this money to be paid to the Prince of Condé's agent.

28. To write to Major Philip Eyton, Lieut.-Governor of the Isle of Man, to release Mrs. Smith, widow of Capt. Smith, restrained by the soldiery, and to allow her to go back home to Chester, that she may be ready to answer the charges against her.

29. Col. Thompson to inform the Navy Committee that Council does not require the present repayment of the 15,000*l.* which it lent the Committee, and that it may remain with them for supplying the wants of the Navy, on condition that the Committee will repay the 15,000*l.* and the 10,000*l.* before lent, whenever Council shall require it for building more frigates. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 1–8.]

Dec. 2. Instructions given by Council to Cols. Valentine Wauton and Herbert Morley, and Thos. Challoner, on their repairing to the fleet.

1. You are to repair to the Downs, or wherever you shall find the greatest part of the fleet under General Blake is.

2. You are to tell the General that Council, having received his letter relating to the engagement with the Dutch on Tuesday last, have sent you to see him and the condition of the fleet, after the engagement.

3. You are particularly to look to the state of the fleet now with the General, and to supply any deficiency of men, victuals, &c., and you are authorised to give necessary orders for this purpose to the Navy Commissioners and Victuallers, officers of the Ordnance and stores, &c., who are hereby required to observe the same.

4. You are to tell the General that Council has ordered the ships in the Thames to be sent to him, a list of which is herewith given you, and you are to hasten them as you are able.

5. When you shall have learnt the condition of the enemy, you are to advise with the General as to the best disposal of the fleet with him and elsewhere.

6. You and the General are to examine all the commanders and captains of the State ships and merchantmen which took part in the recent engagement, and if any of them did not do their duty, you are to dismiss them, and fill their places with fit persons, until Council shall order further.

7. During your residence there, you are to attend all Councils of War, and give your advice in such matters as are under consideration.

8. You are to communicate often to Parliament or Council the state of affairs, and to prepare a report on the whole matter for Council on your return. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 9, 10.]

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The Paragon, Porto Longone.

2. Capt. Rich. Badiley to the Navy Committee. The commanders of the merchant ships Lewis, Sampson, Mary, and Levant Merchant at Genoa and Leghorn, rather than endure a protest, have accepted the commissions of the Council of State. I have

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ordered the former to Naples, there to remain until some other strength can be joined with her to come here or to Leghorn. The three latter are delivering their goods, and are to be made men-of-war. The Council of State has sent 20 or 30 commissions that shipping should be authorised to embrace the service. Now it could never have been thought there were $\frac{1}{3}$ of that number to be found empty in these seas and void of employment, but their intention must be to impress laden ships as well as others; and it seems necessary, because letters from England make it dubious whether a fleet can be spared for our succour, as the Holland fleet has come forth, with which all your ships of war that can be got together at the instant are first to engage, and what may be the event of such a dispute no man knows.

Longland has advised you of the regaining the Phœnix. Capt. Cox would have done it sooner but was impeded, and I had made some scrutiny for attempting the thing myself, and only feared that such an act should be interpreted as a disturbance to the Great Duke's port; but your other servants whom I consulted answering in the negative, I agreed, well knowing that when the revolted ships, and such as were taken by them, rode before Helvoetsluys, and the Lord of Warwick was near them for their reduction, where was also Van Tromp (whose son was commander of the Phœnix at her recovery) sent from the States of Holland to keep each from disturbing the port, he himself concluded that it could not be interpreted violation of the port when we could gain any of our enemies' ships without making noise by shooting musket or pistol. I advised Cox to be careful in the attempt that, without very great occasion, other weapons might be used and no guns, whether small or great. No man can prove there was so much as a pistol shot off on our part; and besides the work was done without shot of the Great Duke's cannon. But if it were in Leghorn Road, his Highness has said he was not able to secure our English shipping there if the enemy assaulted them, and advised that the State's ships and merchantmen might be got into his Mould for security.

Were it granted the Great Duke would interpret what has been done for regaining the frigate a disturbance to his port, we considered that when the before specified commands were sent to Capt. Appleton and myself, it was not thought on that such a frigate as was counted most convenient for sailing should be surprised, and be like to do such an abundance of mischief; first by her model, showing the enemy a pattern to build sundry others of the same dimensions; next her subjectness to betray others, putting out the State's colours, and so alluring more English ships to come into her net; or by outsailing all others, the enemies' men-of-war could come at them whether they would or no. Besides the pride and insolence of an enemy causes men to examine the very utmost extent of their commission, and here young Tromp, then commander of the Phœnix, thought he had showed triumph enough over the English nation; for whereas he lately took an English ship, the Samuel, laden with fish and 20 guns, although she was gained by treachery, putting

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out the State's colours to allure her commander out of his ship, he brought her into Leghorn, with the English colours trailing under his poop, a thing never seen before in that place.

I hope therefore you will excuse what has been done for the public good. It seems the Great Duke, upon first hearing what was done upon the Phœnix frigate, smiled and said the Turks had taken her out of the midst of the Dutch fleet, and not the English, and also that they kept a good watch in the meantime. However, by the instigation of our enemies, a commission was sent down from Pisa by the Great Duke for Capt. Appleton, whom he has clapped into the castle there as prisoner; but at the same time he sent me a letter by express, of which I enclose a translation. His pretence is that the Captain affronted his sentinel, which was very ill done if it be true, yet I hardly believe it was by consent of Capt. Appleton, but rather through the incivilities of his mariners. I enclose a copy of my answer, since which I have not heard anything from Leghorn, but know all will be well, and we shall shortly hear that Capt. Cox with the frigate has arrived at Naples, so as to meet the Lewis and Harry Bonadventure, to which I am also sending the Elizabeth and Constant Warwick, which have been careened and tallowed. With copy of his letter of 11 Nov. [4½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

2. I. *Great Duke of Tuscany to* [*Capt. Badiley*]. *Signor Appleton has been uncivil, not remembering the courtesies which the English ships have received in Leghorn. His unreasonable proceedings run against all conventions established, and he has also laid hands upon the arms under the faithful trust of our sentinel of the Mould, and taken a person away with violence from such a man, who was in his house there appointed. This has obliged me to premeditate upon sincere satisfaction, and doubting he might draw himself out of chastisement by flying, I have arrested him, and put him in custody in this Castle of Pisa, that he may have such chastisement as he merits. I would not do it without informing you by express, being assured that you will be displeased with things so ill acted, concurring in this my understanding, which always shall be within the limits of that observance which I profess to the Parliament and Republic of England, and shall always demonstrate my sincere estimation; and in order therefor, have renewed the commissions to my officers in Leghorn to be vigilant in defending the English ships which are there, as they did at first, and with the greater attention in regard of Appleton's and your absence.—Pisa,* 25 November / 7 December 1652. [¾ *page, translation.*]

2. II. *Capt. Rich. Badiley to the Duke of Tuscany. I am greatly troubled at your displeasure, well knowing your favour to our nation, especially in protecting our ships and our merchants' great estates from the rapine of the*

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Dutch. Were it not from your hands, whose words are of unquestionable verity, I could not believe that Capt. Appleton, who is commanded by the Council of State to give all due respect to you within your ports and dominions, should willingly suffer his subordinates to commit so inexcusable an affront as the gainsaying, much less the detention or constraining of any that had the trust of arms as sentinel at the guard upon the Mould of Leghorn. As I heard nothing of this business before, I hope it will prove only the incivility of such as were under him. In case your pleasure be that the person or persons have their chastisement referred to me and a council of war which I shall call about that business, their punishment shall be severe according to their demerit; but if you think fit that they be judged according to the laws of your dominions, the offenders shall be resigned to you. Only I beg that Capt. Appleton, having been one of our admirals in these seas, may not longer be under such a disgrace as imprisonment in your castle; lest our enemies that made such a sign of victory in taking a fish ship, trailing our English colours at their stern, should triumph more at this than at any other act of hostility or treachery they have done upon us, which the Parliament of England could not but lay to heart.

If Appleton has done any unworthy act willingly in your port, I know both himself and all others that do not consider not it's bad dallying with princes in such kind of actions, will be called to a strict account for the same in England, and therefore I again pray you will reckon his lying in prison so long a sufficient punishment. I do not doubt of your continued care in securing our shipping from the rage of our enemies, until our redemption comes, which I hope is not far off.—The Paragon, Porto Longone, 27 November / 7 December 1652. [1½ *pages, copy.*]

Dec. 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lieut.-General Monk to come to Council in the afternoon.

2. The Ordnance Committee to consider how the castles in the Downs may be best supplied with ammunition and guns, and to report.

3. The Commissioners for Sale of Dutch Prize Goods to report the number and size of the pieces of ordnance that have been taken, and where they are at present, and to send an account of all the ammunition taken, in their custody.

4. Like order to be sent to the Collectors of Prize Goods.

5. Warrants to be given to the vice-admirals of the adjacent counties, or, where there are none, to the mayors, bailiffs, or other officers of the port towns, to impress seamen.

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6. The Navy Commissioners to treat with Mr. Marston for setting out his ships for the service, and to offer him protection for freeing his men from impress, on his promise to carry his ships to the General by a certain day (wind and weather permitting), and to remain with him.

7. The original articles of Galloway to be transmitted to the court for Articles, and delivered to Tracy Pauncefort, registrar to the court, that a copy may be taken at their desire, and the original returned to Council.

8, 9. Mr. Holland, Major Rob. Thompson, and Capts. Limmery and Ernley, to attend Council at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

10. Mr. Strickland, Col. Purefoy, and Lord Bradshaw to be a committee to receive information from Mr. Scott.

11, 12. The petitions of Robert Woods and of Anne Gwalther referred to the Admiralty Committee to report.

13. Order to be sent to the Commissioners of Dutch Prizes to bring the Sophia of Amsterdam from the Downs to Dover, and dispose her as may be best for safety of the ship and goods.

14, 15. The Ordnance officers to attend the Ordnance Committee to-morrow at 7 a.m., and notice to be given to the said Committee to sit.

16. Copies of the instructions from Parliament to Council, as also of the oath taken by every member of Council, to be given them.

17. Rich. Hutchinson, John Holland, Thos. Smith, Peter Pett, Robert Thompson, and Francis Willoughby, Navy Commissioners, to attend Council at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

18. The Admiralty Committee to inquire why the ships at Harwich do not go forth to the service.

19, 20. The petition of the mariners and seamen of the Joshua, and the letter of John Edwin from the Oak frigate, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

21. All petitions for private men-of-war to be read publicly at Council.

22. The petitions of George Chandler and Godfrey Lee, merchants of London, of Capt. Bonnell, and similar ones, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, who are to examine the allegations, state the facts, and report what should be done for relief of the petitioners.

23. The petition of Richard Legg and Sam. Putt, merchants of London, referred to the Admiralty Committee to report.

25, 26. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to sit on Monday. The Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker to attend, and report what has been done in that court about the ships Samson, Salvador, and George.

27. Orders for regulating Council's proceedings to be considered on Monday.

28–30. Serjeant Dendy, Mr. Scutt, and the three preachers at

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Whitehall Chapel, to continue their employment at the same salary as last year.

31. Cols. Thompson, Fielder, and Purefoy, Mr. Scott, Allein, and Lister to be a Committee to examine further Jacomo Stanier, in accordance with an order of Parliament of December 1st. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 11–17.]

Dec. 4. **3.** Order in Parliament that the Treasurers for the lands and estates forfeited for treason, and appointed to be sold for the use of the Navy, be authorised to pay the moneys arising by the Act upon warrants by the Navy Committee. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

Dec. 4. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Admiralty Committee to consider and report to Council the complaint brought by Capt. Limmery against Mr. Holland, a Navy Commissioner.

2, 3. Council to sit at 3 p.m., and Capt. Peacock to attend.

4, 26. The Lord President to move Parliament for a continual supply of money for maintaining ships in active service, the navy service being much prejudiced for want of it, and many ships appointed for the winter guard being in port that might otherwise be in service.

5. Lord Bradshaw, Sir John Trevor, Mr. Say, and Sir Wm. Masham to be a committee to examine the depositions of Sir John Dryden and Mr. Harvey, which were sent to Council Nov. 23rd, and referred to the late Committee for Examinations. The present Committee to write to the justices of peace for that county [Northampton], and a draft of the letter to be brought in to Council with speed.

6. The Lord General to order 500 foot to Dover, and a regiment of horse to the coast of Kent and Sussex, for the safety of those parts.

9. Letters to be sent to the western and northern ports, stating what has happened between the English and Dutch, like those sent last night to the western ports.

11. To write to General Blake to acquaint him with what Council has done for giving him an addition of strength, and that, as he has a perfect understanding of the state of affairs, they allow him to take what course he thinks best, for his own defence and the service.

12. General Monk to be ready to go to sea at 24 hours' notice, and take on him the charge to which Parliament has appointed him.

13. The Lord President to move Parliament to grant commissions to Generals Deane and Monk to exercise the command at sea to which Parliament has appointed them.

14. To write to General Deane to inform him of his appointment by Parliament as a general of the fleet, and to request him to be ready to come to these parts. The Lord General to send a fit person to succeed him in his command there.

15. To write the Navy Commissioners to put aboard the ships

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in the Thames such men as they have ready, that they may sail forthwith to the Downs. The Commissioners to sit to-morrow, to despatch the ships that lie in the Thames and are to go forth, and to execute such further commands as Council may send them.

16. Capt. Peacock and Capt. Coppin (if his ship is ready) to go to the Downs, carrying with them any ships of war in the Thames which are ready.

17. Mr. Nutt's bill of charges for carrying down 500 foot to Gravesend to be paid out of the exigent moneys of Council.

18. [John] Mordaunt to be released from his imprisonment in the Tower, on bond for 1,000*l.* and two sureties for 500*l.* not to prosecute further the challenge sent by him to [Brian] Cockayne.

20. Council dispense with their order of the 3rd instant concerning the impressing of seamen in the ports and havens of co. Hants, on consideration of what has been offered by Col. Sydenham thereon.

21. Col. Sydenham to make to the Lord General those propositions made to Council concerning the fortifying of the Isle of Wight.

22. Col. Fielder, Mr. Allein, Lord Bradshaw, and Col. Thompson to be a Committee to confer with Dr. Gourdon about the false money bought by Capt. Fuller of some goldsmiths in London, and to order that if Fuller be in restraint for the same, he be dismissed, it appearing that he is innocent in the business.

23. Sir Oliver Fleming to inform the Ambassador Extraordinary of the King of Portugal that the appointed Committee will meet him at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Whitehall; Fleming to attend him there.

24. The Navy Victuallers to send necessary victuals to Capt. Coppin's ship.

25. The Lord General to nominate some fit person to take General Deane's place of Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, he having been appointed by Parliament one of the generals of the fleet.

28. Approval of the Lord General's ordering 500 men out of the guards here to Dover and that coast, and ordering Col. Rich's regiment of horse to draw together there; and request that he will give orders for sending another regiment of horse to strengthen the sea coast.

29. Lords Commissioners Whitelock and Lisle, Mr. Scott, Sir Hy. Vane, Mr. Bond, Col. Purefoy, Sir Wm. Masham, Col. Sidney, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Allein, Sir John Trevor, Major-Gen. Skippon, and Lord Chief Justice St. John, to be Commissioners to treat with the Portuguese Ambassador, and to meet him on Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the usual place in Whitehall. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 18–25.]

Dec. 4. Council of State to the commanders of the State's ships at Harwich. There having been lately a fight between Gen. Blake and the Dutch fleet near the Ness, and the General being come into the Downs, and the enemy yet about Folkstone, you are to sail with

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the ships under you to the Downs, to receive orders from General Blake. Use all diligence in performing these commands, and give notice to all the merchant ships you meet at sea of the posture of the enemy. [*I.* 68, *p.* 25.]

Dec. 4. Council of State to Rob. Coytmor and Fras. Willoughby. The service requires that the ships of war and privateers in the Thames be speedily despatched to Gen. Blake. You are therefore to repair to the Thames, take an account of the ships, and use your utmost endeavours to despatch them to the General, requiring them to fall down to the Downs with all expedition. All justices of the peace, &c. are to suffer you to pass with your attendants on the Sabbath day without molestation. [*I.* 68, *p.* 26.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. **4.** Council of State to the Mayor of Hull. There being a fleet of Dutch men-of-war of 90 sail plying up and down between Folkstone and Dover Roads, notice thereof should be given to such merchant ships as pass by your port, that they may better provide for their own security. Set out a nimble scout boat to ply off to sea thereabouts, and give notice to all the ships that pass that way, and give special order to the persons you employ to be very active and vigilant in this service; whatever the charge shall amount to shall be satisfied, when Council receives an account thereof. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 5. Sunday. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

2. To write to General Blake to acknowledge his of the 4th, informing Council of his intention to bring the fleet into Lee Road; to offer to him the inconvenience of coming into the river, and to propound to him whether Harwich would not answer the ends considered in his council of war, leaving it to him, being on the spot, to do as he thinks best, by their advice. Also to inform him of the orders sent to the ships northward, and desire him to let them know of his change of posture.

3, 4. The Ordnance Committee to sit to-morrow, to consider the speedy supplying of the magazines with powder. The Ordnance officers to attend them at 7 a.m.

5. The Lord President to present to Parliament to-morrow letters from General Blake to Col. Wauton, Col. Morley, and Mr. Challoner, and their letter to Council. Also General Blake's last letter to Council.

6. Mr. Smith to go to Lee Road with a duplicate of the letter to General Blake, and to command any vessel of war to carry him to the General, with whom he is to confer on the matter of the letter, and to inform the northern ships of the General's motion, that they may not be endangered by going into the Downs.

7. To write to the ships at Harwich and Yarmouth, to acquaint them with General Blake's having gone northwards, and desire them to be the more wary how they repair to the General.

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8. Copies of General Blake's letter to Council and of Council's to him to be sent to the Commissioners [sent to the Fleet], with an order to them to return by Gravesend, and if General Blake's fleet is in Lee Road or the Hope, to go aboard and pursue the instructions given them by Council.

9. The letter to General Blake approved, and to be signed and sent.

10. Notice to be given to the members that Council sits at 8 a.m. to-morrow. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 27–29.]

Dec. 5. Council of State to the commanders of ships at Yarmouth. We sent you an express last night to repair to the Downs, but since hearing that the General intended to come into Margate Road, "that he might have the river to friend," we inform you, that you may be very wary and circumspect in repairing to him, lest you fall into the fleet of the enemy, who, by the last intelligence, are about Dover. With note of like letter to the commanders at Harwich. [*I.* 62, *p.* 31.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Council of State to Thos. Smith, Navy Commissioner. You are to repair to Lee Road on your former instructions, and also to confer with the General on our present commands, in case you find him there; if not, you are to repair where you understand the fleet to be, or else send him the enclosed despatch of Council, whichever you find most safe or convenient. For effecting this, you are authorised to impress any vessel, or take up such vessel as you think most fit to carry the letters to Harwich. [*I.* 68, *p.* 29.]

Dec. 5. **5.** Account of money charged on the security of the first Act for sale of delinquents' lands, to be allowed as doubled money on purchase thereof, to Col. Thos. Birch, Col. Thos. Waite, Gilbert Millington, Major Wm. Robinson, Rich. Bradshaw, and Jas. Powell; total, 8,216*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* [½ *page.*]

Dec. 6. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To write to General Blake, noticing his arrival in the Roads, and to desire him to send an account of the fleet to Council, and to be careful in keeping his men aboard.

2. Order, on consideration of the proceedings in the Admiralty Court against the Samson, Salvadore, and George, that Council sees no reason to alter their resolutions, but the Admiralty Judges are to proceed against them according to law and justice.

3. Whereas on the King of Denmark's staying several English ships in the Sound, order was given for stay of all Danish ships, and some have been stayed, and proceeded against by the Admiralty Court;—an order is to be sent to the Admiralty Judges, neither to make restitution nor to do execution, according to what the judgment shall be, until further orders from Council.

4. To write and acquaint [Rich.] Bradshaw with the Council's resolution regarding the before-named ships.

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5. Gen. Monk to have liberty to go into the country till Saturday, to arrange his affairs before going to sea, unless Council have cause to send for him before.

6. The petition of John Mathewson, master of the Justice of Copenhagen, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

8. To write the Ordnance officers, by going themselves and sending down trusty persons, to keep watch over the State's ships on their coming into the river, that the gunners' stores are not embezzled.

9. The Admiralty Committee to consider what should be done for the encouragement of Capts. Mildmay and Lane, in consideration of their faithful service, and to report their opinion to Council, with what they have to offer on the state of the fleet.

10. Notice to be sent to the northern and western ports of what has happened between the English and Dutch fleets, and of the enemy's present posture. The western ports to send out small boats to inform merchant ships, that they may take care of their own safety.

11. The Governor of the Isle of Wight to repair forthwith to his charge, and take care of it.

12. To write to the Governor of Portsmouth to have special care of his garrison and of the ships there, that their repairing may be carried on effectually.

13. The like to Col. Norton.

14. To write the vice-admirals for co. Dorset to send word to Council what seamen fit for service are to be had from their ports.

15. To write the [Fleet] Commissioners, enclosing what has been written to the General, and to desire them, if possible, to return by Gravesend, and pursue their instructions, and give an account of the state of the fleet; and particularly to examine one Smith, master of a small smack, and the master of the galliot hoy, concerning the deportment of the several ships in the late engagement.

16. To write the Navy Commissioners that Council think the offenders mentioned in their letter should be proceeded against, according to the Act of Parliament concerning the importing of seamen; and for preventing further disorders in impressing seamen, that Council approve what they propound, and leave it to them to put it in the way of speedy execution.

17. The Lord President to move Parliament to-morrow that, considering the state of affairs, Henry Stuart, third son of the late King, should be moved from Carisbrooke Castle to some other place which Parliament shall appoint.

18. The papers of intelligence mentioned by Col. Thompson recommitted to Mr. Scott.

19. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the providing of money for the exigencies of Council, and to report with all speed.

21. The Ordnance Committee to confer with Sir Sackville Crowe as to the making of better and cheaper iron ordnance, and to report what they receive from him.

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22. The Lord General's regiment of foot to be continued in their present musters two months longer; to write to the Army Committee to pay them accordingly.

23. Capt. Bishop to look out the debentures desired by Capt. Roberts in his petition presented this day, and to deliver them to Council to-morrow.

24. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider Mr. Slader's propositions, and some of his former proposals concerning the Isle of Man.

25. The Ordnance Committee to consider Col. Sydenham's propositions concerning the Isle of Wight.

26. The petition of Nicholas Sewell of West Cowes, Isle of Wight, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

27. Mr. Thurloe to acquaint Mr. Scott with all such warrants as shall pass Council for apprehending any persons.

28. The Ordnance Committee to consider the paper of Capt. Boreman, concerning money paid by him for repair of fortifications in the Isle of Wight.

29. The Lord General to send into the Isle of Wight such additional forces as he considers necessary to secure it from any attempts which may be made by the enemy.

30. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Portuguese Ambassador at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Whitehall, about the six preliminary articles just read and approved by Council, and to press his consent thereunto; also to confer with him on the articles as often as necessary, and report the whole to Council.

31. Order, that—as mariners belonging to the State's ships. on coming into the Downs, usually leave their ships and go ashore, the ships being thereby unmanned and detained in harbour, when they should be fit for sea,—to prevent this in future, especially now that the fleet is come into Lee Road, all manner of persons belonging to ships of war or merchantmen in the service, in Lee Road or the Thames are to keep aboard their respective ships, and not depart without special license from the General, on the utmost penalty that may by law be inflicted. The captains and commanders are to attend constantly on board, and cause this order to be published to their companies, and have a copy affixed in an open place of their ships, that none may pretend ignorance. Also to take care that no boats come aboard them, except such as come on the public account, and to do what else is necessary for execution of this order. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 30–37.]

Dec. 6. ORDERS for regulating the COUNCIL.

Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 6–13 are the same with those taken by the preceding Council. [*Calendar, Vol. IV., pp.* 43, 44.]

3. Letters from abroad and all papers of intelligence and information to be read next after the reading of Council letters and papers.

5. The President or any three members of Council to open any

letters which may arrive when Council is not sitting, and if they consider it necessary, they may summon Council.

14. No member to acquaint another by writing of any secret debate, nor by word of mouth, unless he acquaints him that it is secret, and not at all unless he has taken the oath of secresy.

15. Five or more members to be a Committee to read petitions after the sitting of Council, and to report the same with their opinions at the first sitting of Council, if more important business does not interfere. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 8–10.]

Dec. 6. Ordnance Office.

6. Ordnance officers to the Council of State. We require an order to contract for cordage and other provisions for the ships to be sent forth for this winter guard. [¾ *page.*]

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1. The Ordnance Committee to make contracts for supplying powder and ammunition to the magazines.

2. The Admiralty Committee to consider the building a forecastle on the Portsmouth frigate.

3. The petition of Edmund Curtis referred to the Admiralty Committee, to speak with the parties, and to arrange the difference if they can; if not, to report.

4. The Lord President to present to Parliament the letters now read.

5. Also to move Parliament to appoint a time for bringing in the Bill for making saltpetre for the use of the commonwealth.

6. Mr. Love added to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

7. The petition of Alexander Gallico referred to the Admiralty Judges, to certify what proceedings have been taken thereon.

9, 10. The petitions of William Battee, late engineer to the Lord of Northumberland, and of Richard Manning, &c., referred to the Admiralty Committee.

11. The Ordnance Committee to consider the letter of the Ordnance officers of Dec. 6.

13. Mr. Say, Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Love, and Mr. Gurdon to be a Committee to examine Col. David Rosse, and if they see cause, to take bail of him.

14. Lord Chief Justice St. John and Major-General Skippon added to the Commissioners to treat with the Portuguese Ambassador.

16. Capt. Peacock to continue in charge of the Tiger until there is a better ship for him.

19, 20. Capt. Wadsworth to write down what he said to Council concerning the engagement between the English and Dutch fleets, and to deliver it to the Admiralty Committee, who are to consider it.

21, 22. That Committee also to consider what advice should be given to Capt. Badiley for the management of the ships now in the Straits, and Capts. Badiley and Appleton's last letters referred to them.

23. To write to Col. Kelsey to acknowledge his letter complaining of a postmaster, not named; to request him to examine

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into the miscarriage complained of, and to certify whether the person is unfit to be continued in his place.

24. The Ordnance Committee to report to Council on Thursday what they have done to supply the public stores.

26. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider Mr. Violet's paper concerning the silver on board the Samson, Salvador, and George.

27. To write to Major-General Desborow to desire him, in the present state of affairs, to take particular care of the western ports. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 41, 45.]

Dec. 7. Council of State to the captains and commanders of all ships in the service of Parliament, and all others whom it may concern. The Corporation for the Poor of London having fitted a buss for fishing in the North seas, named the Welcome of London, you are to permit her, with her master and six men, to pass without interruption or impeding any of them. [*I.* 68, *p.* 45.]

Dec. 7. Whitehall. Council of State to the Governor of Windsor Castle. You are to deliver by inventory to Mr. Carter, surveyor of works, such timber now remaining in the castle as was felled for its repairs, for which he is to account with the Parliament Committee for Whitehall. [*I.* 68, *p.* 46.]

Dec. 7. Plymouth. **7.** Henry Hatsell to Wm. Rowe, at the Irish and Scotch Committee. Let money be ordered if I am to buy the 2,000 quarters of wheat and 2,000 quarters of oats, and notice given when any convoy is appointed for Ireland, that I may have it ready shipped. I am satisfied with the advance of the assessment, and the appointing of such fit persons to manage naval affairs; and if Capt. Morley was joined with Major-General Desborow for the West, it would be a great advantage.

I am sorry to hear of the loss sustained, and of the unworthy carriage of the officers who did not engage. The sending down of persons to examine the matter may tend to much good, and should have been done when the engagement took place between Sir Geo. Ayscue and the enemy. I advise a general embargo till the State's ships are better manned. There have been too many loose and profane men on the ships, but I hope things will go on better now.

The prize taken by Capt. Marten would make a man-of-war, and would carry 32 or 34 guns, and the Middleburg taken by Capt. Cuttance, being a freebooter of 10 guns, should be either set out for the State or sold. The Nicodemus has arrived from Ireland with 18 brass guns, and the Lubec has been sent in by the New President with deals and tar, but it is doubtful whether she is prize. Her skipper should be contracted with to go back to Lubec to fetch tar, cordage and pitch, or order given to buy up all the hemp in Dorsetshire and east Somersetshire; also the Governor of Guernsey should be ordered to get what cordage he can from St. Malo. [2½ *pages.*]

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1. The Lord President authorised to open letters to Council, and if he see fit, to summon Council.

2. The Lord General to order such companies of Col. Berkstead and Sir William Constable's regiments as can be spared to march to the Isle of Wight.

3. To discharge on account of infirmities ——— Venner, son of Baptist Venner, who was pressed into the State's service.

4. The charges of Nathaniel Davis, sent by Mr. Longland from Leghorn, with the intelligence of the retaking of the Phœnix, to be paid him out of the Council's contingencies, with 100 marks as a gratuity for his pains.

5. John Davis to be secured in the custody of the Serjeant-at-arms, that he may be examined concerning matters laid to his charge.

6. To write to the captains of the Portsmouth, Ruby, and Diamond, to thank them for their faithful service, and to desire them to refit their ships with all speed.

7. Mr. Scott, Mr. Lister, Lord Bradshaw, and Mr. Strickland to be a Committee to examine Mr. Davis as to the cause of his coming to England, and any other charges brought against him, and to send for any other persons having knowledge of him, and examine them; and after a full examination of the whole business, to report to Council.

9. All cases referred by Council to the various Committees during the last year, which have not yet been reported upon, to be revived to all the Committees of this Council.

10. The Lord General to order the transfer of Col. Berkstead's companies (except those on guard at the Tower) to Sir Wm. Constable, and thereupon to despatch them to Landguard Fort, Harwich, or any part of the coast which he shall think most fit, for its security.

11. The Navy Committee to be desired to pay the wages of captains slain in the service, up to the day of their death, to their widows, notwithstanding that they have not taken out letters of administration.

12. All matters referred to the Committee for Examinations and not reported on, to be revived, in order to be reported upon.

13. Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Lister, Mr. Cawley, Mr. Gurdon, Sir H. Mildmay, Sir Peter Wentworth, Major-General Harrison, Col. Ingoldsby, Col. Sidney, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Strickland, and Sir Wm. Masham to be a Committee to consider the references formerly made to that Committee, and to prepare reports upon them.

14. The references made by the last Council to the Irish and Scotch Committee on the business of the post offices to be revived, and the order of Parliament of the 6th instant concerning this business referred to that committee.

15. The Ordnance Committee to order the speedy delivery to the powder makers of the saltpetre for which they have contracted,

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and to see that it is at once converted into powder for the use of the State.

16. Col. Purefoy to deliver to Capt. Thos. Roberts, his debentures which were delivered to Council by Capt. Bishop, they being satisfied, on Col. Purefoy's representation, that they need be no longer detained.

17. To write the Navy Committee to give authority to Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth to draw bills of exchange upon them not exceeding 1,000*l.* before he gives an account of it, to be disbursed by him on emergent occasions there.

18. The Admiralty Committee to confer with the Navy Victuallers concerning provision of victuals at Portsmouth, that the State's ships may not have to wait for provisions, whereupon Mr. Willoughby's second proposition is referred to the said Committee.

19. To write to the Governor of Portsmouth to have special care over the harbour, for the safety of the ships therein, and to offer him guns to plant in the Round tower, or any suitable place near the water.

20. To inform Mr. Willoughby that his propositions are all under consideration, and that orders have been given upon several according to his desire; and especially that Council have desired the Navy Committee to authorise him to draw bills upon them not exceeding 1,000*l.* Also to desire him to hasten to his charge at Portsmouth, and to do his best in refitting two frigates lately come in, and promoting all navy matters there.

21. The Admiralty Judges to consider the petition of Thos. Chelston and Abraham Motham, and so to settle the business between them and the Prince of Condé's agent, that it may be to the satisfaction of the party damnified.

22. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the paper delivered in by the Portuguese Ambassador, and report.

23. The Committee nominated to-day to consider the references formerly made to the Examination Committee, to take bail of Percy Welch.

24. The license given last year to Rich. Spencer to remain with his family in France for 12 months renewed for 12 months, from 24 December.

25, 26. The petitions of Sir Robert Jones, and of Alexander How and John Marston referred to the Admiralty Committee.

27. To enclose to the Navy Committee the paper concerning the works to be done at Portsmouth, desire them to consider it, and to order the doing of those they judge necessary, and assign a time when they are to be begun.

28. On consideration of the lists given in of ships in General Blake's fleet, in the northern and western guards and in the Thames, the Admiralty Committee to decide what ships shall be speedily fitted for sea, and to give orders for the same, and report. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 47–54.]

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Dec. 8. Portsmouth. **8.** Col. Wm. Sydenham to the President of the Council of State. In obedience to Council's commands for my speedy repair to the Isle of Wight, I am got thus far. We hear no news of the Dutch fleet or of the passing westward of their merchant ships, though some vessels from the west are newly come into this port. The President and eight other vessels are here in the roads. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Dec. 9. **9.** Order of the Committee for Trade and Foreign Affairs that Lords Comrs. Whitelock and Lisle, Mr. Scott, Mr. Love, Col. Purefoy, Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Strickland, Sir Wm. Masham, Major Lister, and Mr. Gurdon be a Sub-committee to consider the business of clothing, and that the reference to the former Sub-committee be revived to this. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page; also I.* 132, *p.* 1.]

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1. To desire the Governor of Dover Castle to gain what intelligence he can of the enemy's condition, and to report to Council, and any charge he may be at therein to be defrayed from the exigent money of Council.

2. The like to be written to the Lieut.-Governor of Deal, and to desire him to send his letters to Council in the post road.

3. Mr. Love to confer with Mr. Surveyor about the removing of the portal of the Council Chamber, and making some other passage into the rooms to which the portal led, so that the Council Chamber may be more private; and Mr. Love to give orders for the doing of it.

4. The Foreign Affairs' Committee to consider of some fit person to send as a Resident to Sweden, and report his name to Council.

5. Mr. Scott to report the examination of Mr. Stanier to Parliament, according to their order.

6. Col. William Burgh or Bourke to be allowed two months longer in England, upon the pass given him by the Commissioners in Ireland.

7. The Navy Victuallers to order the victualling of the Lily frigate now at Plymouth.

8, 9. The appointed Committee to meet the Portuguese Ambassador on Saturday at 9 a.m., and to press his consent to the articles formerly offered to him according to an order from Parliament; Sir Oliver Fleming to give him notice, and conduct him to the meeting.

10. To desire the Commissioners of Council sent to the fleet to examine into the miscarriage of several of the fleet officers in the last engagement, and to send such officers as they judge guilty to the council of war for punishment, if they find the Council has power to punish. If not, to remove them from their commands, and send them in safe custody to Council. The Commissioners are to be likewise encouraged in their proceedings.

11. To write to General Blake to encourage him to proceed with the examination of the defects in several officers of the fleet during the last engagement.

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12. Council finding that certain goods most useful for the commonwealth cannot, in the present state of affairs, be imported without special license, the Lord President is to move Parliament to grant these licenses.

13. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the letter from the Commissioners of Parliament in Lincolnshire, and the petition from some of the soldiers in Col. Syler's regiment.

14. The Admiralty Committee to consider what security has been given in the Admiralty Court by Capt. Diamond, on his being commissioned captain of a private man-of-war, and to report to Council what account they receive thereof.

15. The petition of the officers and mariners of the Samson referred to the Admiralty Judges.

16. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider Mr. Bradshaw's letter from Hamburg of 30 November, and all the papers thereto annexed.

17. The Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker to consider the petition of Rich. Stevens and William Urrie, and to certify to Council what has already been taken upon the letters of reprisal granted to Hy. Stevens, and what should be done as to the desire of the petitioners.

18. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Portuguese Ambassador on Saturday at 9 a.m., and to press his consent to the six preliminary articles, especially No. 4.

22. To write the Navy Committee to order the Navy Commissioners and Treasurers to pay to Judah Wytheridge and Eliz. Smith, widows, their husbands' wages for the time they served on the Bonadventure and Mermaid, from their entry until their death.

23. To write the Navy Commissioners to order them to begin building some of the 30 frigates formerly ordered.

24. To write the Army Committee to order the paying of a bill drawn by the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland for 2,037*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, being the second quarter for 8,000 cassocks and breeches, 6,000 pairs of shoes, and 24,000 pairs of stockings for foot soldiers in Ireland. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 58–62.]

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Warrant by the Council of State to [the Commissioners of Customs] to deliver to John Adrian, merchant of London, a barrel containing 30 pieces of linen seized by their officers, on oath that they were shipped at Ostend before revocation of Council's warrant of 13 July 1652, giving license for importing Holland goods by way of Flanders. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 54, 61.]

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10. Act of Parliament appointing Dennis Bond, Francis Allein, John Downes, and Cornelius Holland, a Committee to inquire into the several revenues and treasuries belonging to the commonwealth, the bringing of them into one channel; how unnecessary officers

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and salaries can be taken off; and especially how debts charged by way of security on the excise can be paid. [2½ *pages.*]

Dec. 10. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Jas. Harrington to present to Council this day week the report in his hands concerning the Mint.

3. The paper for the Spanish Ambassador, now read, to be signed and sent to him to-morrow by Sir Oliver Fleming.

4. Col. John Buller to be bailed on the usual conditions, Mr. Thurloe to take the bond.

5, 9. Order on the petition of Richard Earl of Cork, that all papers remaining in Council or its Committees, which relate to the business of Articles, be transmitted to the Court of Articles.

6. Peter Bowen, late lieutenant of the Garland, to write down what he said to Council concerning the last engagement.

7. Alderman Allein to give order to furnish 50*l.* to the Commissioners sent to the fleet, for charges of their journey.

8. The Navy Commissioners to consider whether the western bargemen may not be used in the ships of this commonwealth.

10. The Admiralty Committee to consider Col. Sydenham's letter of December 8th from Portsmouth. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **11.**]

11. Also the letters of the Commissioners of Council sent to the fleet, dated from the Triumph in the Nore, the 9th instant. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **12.**]

12. The petition of James de Caux referred to the Admiralty Committee, to speak with such as they think fit, state the facts, and report.

13. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to meet on Monday to prepare laws of war for the governing of the fleet. Mr. Thurloe to bring in such laws and ordinances of war as have been formerly made for land or sea, and Dr. Walker to attend.

14. The Act for making saltpetre to be brought into Council next Monday, with the alterations offered in Council to day.

15. The order of Parliament concerning Mr. Henry Stuart to be considered next Monday.

16. The paper of the Committee for Advice concerning the regulation of the fleet to be sent to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **13.**]

17. The approval of Parliament of the contract for saltpetre to be sent to the Navy Committee, who are to see that the money agreed upon be paid within the appointed time; Council will take care they are reimbursed from the 100,000*l.* to be raised by sale of delinquents' estates.

18. Power to be given to the Commissioners of Customs to permit any persons to import pitch, tar, hemp, flax, cordage, resin, deal boards, saltpetre, or brimstone.

19. The Admiralty Commissioners to give orders for speedy fitting for sea all ships mentioned in the list now read, and any others fit for present service, taking care they are well officered and manned.

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Also to consider what encouragements can be given to induce men to enter the service speedily and cheerfully, and to report the whole to Council.

20. To write to empower Capt. Badiley to take merchant ships into the State's service, and force his way home with them; also to commission such officers as he shall think fit, and to take up by exchange what money is necessary. [*I.* 68, *p.* 63–67.]

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Council of State to all persons concerned. The Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland having granted a pass to Col. Wm. Bourke, with his wife and 3 servants, to repair to England, in order to contract with the Ambassadors or agents of foreign Princes or States residing here, for carrying Irishmen into their service, by which pass he is obliged to return to Ireland in 2 months; and he having petitioned for leave to stay longer to effect his business, Council grant him a prolongation of 2 months, during which he is to remain without molestation, he and his retinue doing nothing prejudicial. [*I.* 68, *p.* 67.]

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Council of State to the Commissioners of Customs. Capt. David Bonnell, merchant of London, having a warrant of Council of 6 August last, to import Holland linen by way of Flanders, which has been since revoked, he petitions that he will be greatly prejudiced thereby, having withdrawn some linen into Flanders; therefore on his swearing to his narrative, the seizure and confiscation imposed by the Navigation Act are to be suspended, and he permitted to import the goods. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 63, 68.]

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Whitehall.

Like letter for George Chandler and Godfrey Lee, merchants of London, whose goods were hindered of an immediate passage through the differences with the United Provinces, to import 33 barrels of madder and other goods, paying duties therefor. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 69, 70.]

Dec. 11.

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1. The Lord General to send to the Isle of Wight one or two troops of horse, to remain while the Dutch fleet are on the coast.

2. Mr. Cockayne to give in bond to the clerk of Council, as Mr. Mordaunt has done, for his peaceable conduct, and not further to prosecute the challenge and quarrel with Mordaunt.

3. Mr. Hill and Mr. Wilson, Commissioners for Sale of Dutch Prizes, to attend the Committee for Foreign Affairs next Monday.

4. The Admiralty Committee to consider the petition of Robert Salmon, confer with him, and report.

5. A postscript to be added to the letters to Mr. Longland, Capt. Badiley, and Capt. Appleton, to take notice of receipt of their last letters, and thank them for faithful service.

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Mr. Strickland to present to Parliament the draft of an Act for making saltpetre. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 71, 72.]

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Chatham.

14. Commissioner Peter Pett to the President of the Council of State. Particulars of frigates now setting forth at Chatham. We want 500 men forthwith, and since the press went out, the appearance is so small that unless a more effectual course is taken for sending them down, the service will be retarded. The ships will soon be got down to the fleet, but they cannot do good service unless well manned. Masters are wanted for three ships.

I waited on the Commissioners of Council on board the Triumph, and took the wants of the fleet. I will send what can be supplied from hence. [1¾ *pages.*]

Dec. 11.
Dover Castle.

15. Col. Thos. Kelsey to the President of the Council of State. I have sent to all maritime places in the Cinque Ports to impress seamen, and with the assistance of the mayor, impressed 50 at Dover; but only 20 came to receive their conduct money, and after receipt, they peremptorily refused to go, being animated by some interested in private men-of-war, of which there are many here. Unless some severe course is taken for the exemplary punishment of some, to deter others, few will be obtained. If, as I hear, any further encouragement in respect of seamen's pay is intended, it may conduce much to further this present expedition. Between 60 and 80 of the Dutch fleet came off the Southsands Head, and anchored in our Road yesterday. [1 *page.*]

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1. To write the Governors of Jersey and Guernsey that there are many seamen in those islands usually employed in fishing voyages, which have ceased on account of the present troubles, who will be pressed into foreign service, if not taken into that of the commonwealth, and to desire that they be sent to Portsmouth.

2. The Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker to prepare a draft of articles of war for the governing of the fleet, to be presented to the Committee for Foreign Affairs next Wednesday.

3. The *quorum* of that Committee to be three.

4, 5. The Admiralty Committee to consider the proposals of the officers of the fleet sent to Council by the Commissioners of Council sent down to the fleet. Also the letter from the said Commissioners, dated from the Triumph, the 11th instant. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **16.**]

6. Mr. Scott, Col. Purefoy, and Mr. Lister to be a Committee to consider the fitting of the rooms used for treating with Ambassadors for the sittings of the Admiralty Committee, and whether the Horse chambers may be fitting for treating with Ambassadors.

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7, 8. Captain Saltonstal to be committed prisoner to the Fleet for trial, for neglect of duty in the last engagement off Dungeness, and the Serjeant-at-arms to carry him to prison.

9. Mr. Violet to assist, on behalf of the commonwealth, in the prosecution of the suits now in the Court of Admiralty against the Samson, Salvador, and George, and to acquaint Dr. Walker from time to time with what he has to offer in reference to them.

10, 11. The Admiralty Committee to consider the letters of Col. Kelsey from Dover Castle, of Peter Pett from Chatham, and of Thomas Wallis from Plymouth. [*Also Vol. XXVI., Nos.* **17, 18.**]

12. Council to consider to-morrow the orders of regulation for the Council.

13. To acquaint Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth with the order sent to the Governors of Jersey and Guernsey concerning the seamen to be sent thither, and to request him to give them the usual conduct money.

14. The Committee of Foreign Affairs to consider to what place beyond seas Henry Stuart may be sent, and what accommodation will be fit for him, and to report.

15. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the letters from the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland.

16. Thomas Bennet to succeed David Farmer in his employment under Council, with the same allowance.

17. Col. Purefoy, Sir Hen. Mildmay, Mr. Love, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Gurdon, Ald. Allein, Mr. Say, Mr. Fielder, Lord Bradshaw, Sir John Trevor, Mr. Lister, and Sir Gilbert Pickering, added to the Committee to consider Mr. Legg and Mr. Kinnersley's claim to the office of wardrobe-keeper, and to examine the charge against Mr. Legg, for giving up arms on warrant of the late King. Also to examine any charges that may be made against Kinnersley, and report.

18. The Ordnance Committee to consider how Landguard and Harwich forts may be supplied with gun-carriages and other necessaries for their defence, and to report.

19. To write the Army Committee about complaints of want of pay from Jersey and Guernsey, and to desire that they be constantly paid according to the establishment.

20. Ald. Allein added to Committee for Foreign Affairs.

21. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the ships at Portsmouth, when ready, to go to Plymouth, join the State's ships there, and sail to the mouth of the Channel, for securing home of the English trade.

22, 23. The Scotch and Irish Committee to consider Col. Goff's proposition; also the case and condition of Col. O'Dwyre, and report.

24. The examination taken at the fleet by the Commissioners, concerning Capts. Saltonstall and Chaplin, for not engaging in the last fight with the Dutch, to be sent to Dr. Walker, who, with the Admiralty Judges, is to consider of bringing them to trial, and to report.

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25. General Blake's letter off the Nore to be sent to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **19.**]

26. The report of that Committee on Peter Biggleston's case to be recommitted to them, to confer with the Admiralty Judges, and report the sum payable to Biggleston.

27. The petition of Laurence de Vos and Peter de Woolfe referred to the Admiralty Committee, to confer with the Admiralty Judges, and report what should be done for them.

29. The Commissioners for Dutch Prizes to consider the petition of John Hill, fisherman of Yarmouth, and certify the facts.

30. To write to the Army Committee to issue warrants to the Army Treasurer to send 40,000*l.* for the forces in Ireland, part in cash, part in bills of exchange. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 73–80.]

Dec. 13. **20.** C. Kinnersley to Lord Bradshaw. Since my last to you of the several orders and votes of both Houses in May and June 1642, concerning any that should be aiding the late King in his wars against Parliament, I have obtained the enclosed Act of 8 October last, which you know better how to apply to this business than I can direct. These arms were at first committed to [Legg's] custody, to arm that rabble of roaring boys who were taken into Whitehall to be a guard to the late King, and attended him when he went to the House to fetch the five members; and the King, missing his purpose, went away from his Parliament in a few days. These arms and ammunition were continued in Legg's keeping until the July following, and then delivered by him with all privacy, to be sent for the King's service, as the papers will testify. It is to be observed that during the time they were concealed in his custody, Parliament had information that arms and ammunition lay concealed in Whitehall, whereupon a Committee of Lords and Commons were appointed to search Whitehall for powder, &c., and they did so, but found none. The Lords were the Earls of Pembroke and Holland; the gentlemen of the Commons are not so well remembered, but Sir Edw. Littleton was one of them; and they searched under the banquetting and masking house, wine cellars, and the buttery under the standing wardrobe. No man could have been more true to the employment that both Houses employed me in than I have been for nine years together, and yet no man more aspersed, they having made most of the House and the Council of State my enemies; but my hopes are in God, who has brought this work of darkness to light, by which means I may come to a further trial, whereby I may clear myself of all calumnies, and appear to those that are made my enemies an honest man. [1 *page.*]

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Leghorn.

21. Charles Longland to the Navy Committee, Treasury Chamber, Westminster. I wrote you of the recapture of the Phœnix from the Dutch by Capt. Cox; our enemies are much cast down and would rather have lost six ships. The merchant ships taken need from 800*l.* to 1,200*l.* each advance, beside our ships. I have given certain bills and desire they may be accepted and paid, otherwise I shall

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not be able to continue supplies. There is great want of good commanders, also of 800 or 1,000 seamen or soldiers for the merchant ships taken up at Leghorn and Venice. With copy of his letter of 29 Nov. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 13. Portsmouth. **22.** Capt. Thos. Thorowgood to Thos. Smith, Navy Commissioner. I tendered my crew six months' pay, but they said that they would have all or none; that you and the rest of the owners had received their pay and were cheating them out of it, and that the ship might lie and rot. One night they were singing and roaring, and as they would not desist upon the order of the boatswain, I went down myself, and having struck one of them, they put out the candle, and seemed as though they would have torn me to pieces. I am almost beside myself, not knowing what to do. I wish the ship was at London, and then you would know how to deal with them. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 14. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Scott, Mr. Gurdon, and Sir Gilbert Pickering to be a Committee to consider the prisoners who have been set at liberty, whether by report from the Committee of Prisoners, the Committee of Examinations, or by Council; upon what terms they are liberated, and what should be done for safety. The Lord General's Secretary to attend the meetings of the Committee, to inform them what prisoners have been liberated by the General, and what else he knows thereon.

2. The above Committee to consider whether Mr. Progers be remanded into France, or remain here upon giving good security not to act prejudicially.

3. The Admiralty Committee to consider all the references made to them by Council, in pursuance of a declarative order of Parliament made this day and sent to Council.

4. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the letters from the Commissioners in Ireland, dated December 3rd, and directed to Mr. Speaker.

5. Mr. Thurloe to deliver to the Admiralty Committee the seal of the anchor made for Council when they needed a seal of that nature. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **23.**]

6. The officers who attended the Admiralty Committee last year to attend this year, with the same allowance.

7. Lord Rothes to be permitted to go three months to Scotland, on giving security in 20,000*l.* himself, and 10,000*l.* each two sureties, who are to be Englishmen, and approved by Council.

8. The Revenue Committee to take care that the timber in the forest of Dean and the State's right there is preserved.

9. Maj.-Gen. Harrison to acquaint Parliament with the disorders in the forest of Dean, on the arrival of surveyors sent by the trustees for sale of delinquents' estates.

10. Security to be taken of Sir John Wintour, as ordered by Parliament.

11. The letter from the Governor of Windsor Castle referred to the Committee this day appointed to consider of Scottish prisoners.

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12. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, on a letter from the Commissioners at Leith.

16. To write to the Army Committee to pay 1,000*l.* more on account to Capt. Hen. Hatsell, for wheat and oats to be provided and sent by him to Ireland, for the forces there.

17. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the letter from the Commissioners at Leith, concerning the Dutch ships and vessels stopped by embargo.

18. Ald. Allein, and the rest of the Commissioners for Inspection of Treasuries, to consider of and ascertain a constant stock or income whence moneys may issue for the Council's expenses this year, and to report speedily. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 85–87.]

Dec. 14. Council of State to Capt. Thos. Marriott of the Discovery. You are to receive on board such quantity of treasure as shall be sent you by the Treasurers-at-war for pay of the forces in Ireland, and land it at Waterford, or part of it at Dublin, if the Commissioners of Parliament or commanders-in-chief of the forces so order it. If you put into Milford Haven, acquaint Rich. Browne thereof, and convey such provisions as he has ready to go for the army in Ireland. After landing the treasure, return to Milford Haven, and convoy any vessels laden with provisions by Browne or others to Waterford, Wexford, Dublin, or Galway. [*I.* 68, *p.* 85.]

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Whitehall. Council of State to Capt. Hum. Felstead of the Marigold. There are vessels laden with meal, &c. for the forces in Ireland that are to go from Chester water, Liverpool, and the ports in Lancashire, to Galway, and are to rendezvous at Highlake in Chester water for a convoy. This is most important, the forces in Ireland greatly needing the provisions. You are therefore to convoy those reported to you as ready by Capt. John Whitworth, John Mathew, or Thos. Prescot, and the first wind after two or more are ready, sail with them for Galway, wait for their unlading, but not more than 20 days, and convoy them back into sight of the Welsh coast. This done you are to return to your former station about Ayr in Scotland, and follow your former instructions. [*I.* 68, *p.* 86.]

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Whitehall. Warrant by the Council of State to Wm. Leman and John Blackwell, jun., Treasurers-at-war, to receive 28,000*l.* to be paid them by Sir John Wollaston and the rest of the Treasurers for monies assigned before 17th Dec. 1651, for pay of the forces in England, Ireland, and Scotland, to furnish 14,000*l.* by bills of exchange, letters of credit, or otherwise, and to send the other 14,000*l.* in cash, in hired waggons, to Bristol, to be there by 20 Dec. to be shipped for Ireland, and there issued on warrants from the Commander-in-Chief of the forces. [*I.* 104, *p.* 2.]

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Somerset House, Strand. **24.** Order at the Committee of Trustees for sale of the late King's goods allowing to Major Edw. Bass and Alice Moore, creditors to

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the late King, 22*l.* 15*s.*, being half the value received for a jewel, beds, and organ, and a chest of ryals, &c. belonging to the late King, and discovered by them. Receipted 24 Feb. 1653. [1⅓ *pages.*]

Dec. 14. Dover. **25.** Thos. Greene to the Navy Commissioners. On Council's order I have stayed the Eastland deals, tar, and hemp, but as some masters of the ships are at London, I cannot give an account of the prizes. The London merchants come down and engross all these commodities when put up for sale, but I hope to break their design. They offer 33*s.* for a barrel of tar, and 38*s.* and 40*s.* per cwt. of hemp. Messrs. De la Barre and De Lavall, merchants, have 900 Norway deals at 7*l.* per 100, which you may have, and some spars at 50*s.* per 100. The nine tons of oil, &c. stopped are still lying in the stores. Commissioner Pett at Chatham bids me seize all Eastland goods for the service; how far may I proceed therein? The Holland fleet is still between Dover and Calais. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 15. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on the petition of the merchants of Plymouth, Dartmouth, Weymouth, and Poole trading to Newfoundland, for a stronger and more timely convoy than ordinary for their next year's fishing,—to report that Council should tell the petitioners that, as their affairs now stand, they cannot give them convoy to Newfoundland, and therefore it would be best for them to forbear that trade this year; and that a letter enclosed from Council be sent to signify the same to them.

2. Sidney Beare proposed, on the reference of Council, as a fit person to be sent as Resident to the Queen of Sweden.

3. To report, on reference to this Committee by Council of the Parliament order concerning Henry Stuart, that the enclosed letter be written to the Governor of the Isle of Wight, with a copy of the said order, which he is to show to Henry Stuart, and ask him the place in France or Flanders where he desires to be landed, and the persons he chooses to attend him.

4. The letters from Hamburg concerning Holstein referred to Mr. Thurloe, to confer with such merchants as he thinks fit as to what conveniences that country may afford as to trade; he is to draw up instructions upon the matter in the letter, to offer to this Committee.

5. Mr. Thurloe to look over the several letters from the Senate of Hamburg, concerning their ships stayed here, and to inquire into the proceedings in the Admiralty Court against those ships, and report.

6. All present appointed a Sub-committee to confer with Mr. Oxenbridge about his representation concerning himself, referred by Council to this Committee, and to report.

7. Order—on that part of Oxenbridge's statement mentioning the great charge of the Dutch prisoners,—to report to Council that in the present state of affairs, all the common Dutch prisoners should be set free to return to their own country, and that the governor or

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chief magistrate of the place where they are should be empowered to give them passes.

10. The Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal to be requested to attend this day week, when the petition of Don Melchior d'Aranguren will be considered. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 2–5.]

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1. To write to the Mayors of Southampton, Weymouth, Poole, and Bristol to press 300 able seamen, an equal number from each town, and to send them to Portsmouth.

2. To write to Capt. Willoughby to go to Portsmouth to examine into the distemper among the seamen, and to quiet them by imprisonment or otherwise as the law allows. Also to tell him that Council had written to the governor there to assist him.

3. To write to the Governor of Portsmouth to assist Capt. Willoughby in his suppression of the mutiny.

4. All the common Dutch prisoners to be discharged, and return to their own country; the governor or chief magistrate of the place where they shall be set on shore to be empowered to give them passes accordingly.

5. The Admiralty Committee to proceed in examination of the complaint against John Holland, Navy Commissioner, and report.

6. The letter from the bailiffs of Yarmouth, with the list of seamen impressed, to be sent to the Navy Commissioners.

7, 8. Sidney Beare to be sent to Sweden as Resident from this commonwealth; the Committee for Foreign Affairs to send for him to acquaint him therewith, and prepare instructions for him.

9. That Committee to consider René Augier's petition, and report with all speed.

10. Mr. Progers to be committed to the Gatehouse during Council's pleasure.

11. The Admiralty Committee to consider Mr. Cawley's paper now read; Major-General Harrison and Mr. Cawley added to that Committee, and Mr. Cawley to take care of the business.

12. The letter to the State of Venice approved, and Col. Purefoy to offer it to Mr. Speaker to be signed.

13. To write to the officers of the port of Chester to order all goods sent there for Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood to pass without interruption; also to deliver up the bond of 200*l.* which they have taken of Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood's agent.

14. The Lord General to confer with the Admiralty Committee as to the disposing of the 500 men lately sent down from hence, and now at Rochester. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **26.**]

15. Mr. Holland's letter to the Navy Commissioners, resigning his office of Navy Commissioner, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to do as they judge best.

16. Sir Hy. Mildmay to present to Parliament the annexed Act for the suppression of Popish worship, Council being informed that there is much resort to mass in private houses, as well as in those of

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the foreign ministers and Ambassadors, which is supposed to be occasioned by the coming over and remaining here of many English priests and Jesuits.

17. To answer to the petition of the merchants of Plymouth, Dartmouth, Weymouth, and Poole, that in the present state of affairs, Council cannot appoint any convoy for their next year's fishing to Newfoundland.

18. To write to Capt. Hatsell to pay 500*l.* on account, out of the moneys received by him from the receiver general of the public revenues of the Isle of Jersey, to Lieut.-Col. Joseph Hunkin, Governor of the Sorlings, for finishing the fortifications of that island.

19. The Army Committee to give order for the buying two surgeons' chests for the garrison of the Scilly Islands, in place of those which were taken.

21. To write to the Governor of Scilly that Council have considered his petition and representation;—That as to convoy for money and provisions at Plymouth and the Mount, they have written to Capt. Marten, commander of the western squadron, to convoy them; that his future convoys are recommended to the Admiralty Committee, and also his desire to buy the Hunter. As to the three months' pay, the Army Committee still issue warrants three months beforehand for pay of those islands. That to enable him to carry on fortifications, and for incidents, Capt. Hatsell is ordered to pay him 500*l.* A supply of ammunition for the islands, and of guns for the new castle at Grimsby, is not thought necessary, nor the 30 horse to round the guards. The Army Committee are ordered to supply two surgeons' chests. For settling persons to execute the civil power, the Commissioners of the Great Seal are ordered to put him,—the governor,—and Major John Bawden into the commission of peace for Cornwall. [*I.* 68. *pp.* 89–95.]

Dec. 15. **27.** Note of resolutions [in the Admiralty Committee]. Care to be taken of sick and wounded seamen on board and on shore; the magistrates in port towns to reserve a proportion of the hospitals for them. To consider the best way of selling mariners' shares. A charter for Mariners' Hall to be granted for the port of London, and all great port towns and cities of England, with privileges to all seamen enrolling themselves as members, who are to be ready at command to serve in the ships of the State; the charter now in being of the Trinity House to be revised and altered, by such as Parliament shall appoint, and passed under the Great Seal. [*Draft,* 1⅔ *pages.*]

Dec. 15. Porto Longone. **28.** Capt. Rich. Badiley to the [Navy Committee]. I have received another letter from the Great Duke, which I enclose, wherein the recovery of the Phœnix from the Dutch, which I supposed lay at the bottom, has now come forth; since my reply, which is also enclosed, he has sent me Capt. Hen. Appleton, to be judged on the offence and crime laid to his charge; and it was concluded at a council of war that he should be desired to forbear

executing his command upon the Leopard for the present, and that Capt. Poole, late commander of the Mary Rose merchant ship, the fittest man we could think of, should take the command.

I enclose a copy of Capt. Appleton's declaration, by which it appears that, although none can excuse him of blame in the business, it is not so bad as declared to the Great Duke; and therefore, by your favour, he shall be re-established in his command, as soon as we are clear of the coast of Italy, or sooner if his Highness desire it. I shall still labour to render to his Highness all due respect, and without other commands, shall neither directly nor indirectly make any attempt upon the enemy in his port, according to such commands as were sent by Don Jon Baptista Bran Koacha, the General that governs here under the King of Spain, to the Admiral of nine Dutch men-of-war that rode before this place; (although after a great deal of dispute and murmuring against the Spaniards) they went to sea, and being two or three miles off, the two frigates went forth yesterday, and getting the wind, at first, cleared themselves of the enemy, who then gave chase to our ships, but to little purpose.

Several ships have been impressed at Venice for our service, which I have ordered to Naples to be fitted out, and to rendezvous there, and be under Capt. Owen Cox, whence they will come to me, and then all of us (D.V.) will proceed for Leghorn, from whence, if the enemy will come out to engage us, I hope we shall be a sufficient match for them; afterwards I shall be at a stand for orders.

If the Fleming keeps Leghorn Road, and does not come out to fight, I dare not attempt any hostile act, considering your commands, and my engagement to the Great Duke. May I, on any advantage, assault the enemy in the King of Spain's ports? When we are clear of Leghorn, are we to come to England, having but four merchantmen under convoy, or are the goods landed at Leghorn, which are of great value, to be reladen on our men-of-war who have been merchantmen?

I have drawn bills upon you for 10,000 dollars for provisions supplied by Mr. Longland to the fleet, which I hope will be soon paid, as Mr. Longland's friend, Mr. Smith, now refuses to meddle with business of that nature upon such a score; and at one time or another, your affairs may suffer more than can be expressed upon such an account. I am informed that Capt. Appleton's expense must be drawn upon the Commissioners of Customs, and mine upon you, so I draw for the 10,000 dollars between both. [2½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

28. I. *Capt. Rich. Badiley to the Great Duke of Tuscany. I have examined Capt. Appleton, and though he pleads innocency of intention to give you any distaste in his action against your sentinel, yet I cannot excuse him, as he should have known that when a prisoner escaping puts foot in the dominions of an allied prince, he is a free man, and it was both imbecility and incivility to take him from your men in arms. Therefore, on mature deliberation with other of the State's servants, I have dismissed him from his command. I send you his declaration on the case.*

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About the Phœnix, I would add to what I have already written, that not having heard of the reciprocal obligations you name between the English and Dutch, I supposed I had not failed in respect to you in ordering the recovery of the frigate. If two persons with their men in arms meet in the chamber of a mutual friend, on pledge not to fight or make an uproar, and if one quietly and secretly takes part of his adversary's arms, this other would be justified in seeking restitution by stratagem, and the loser has no right to claim satisfaction. I leave the application to you, apologising for my presumption.

As our six men-of-war in Leghorn Mould need my presence to equip them, I beg your word for my free admission to and from Leghorn, and for leave to wait upon you when there, which would be a great addition to former favours.—$\frac{8}{18}$ December 1652. [$2\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*]

28. II. *Grand Duke of Tuscany to Capt. Rich. Badiley. I have seen what you have understood from Capt. Appleton about the insult to the sentinel, and however it was related by him differently, nevertheless you see that I have not done anything against him without knowledge of the fact and without reason; though he deserves more rigorous chastisement, nevertheless having remitted myself to your judgment, I am satisfied with your removing him from the command of the ships in Leghorn. For what concerns the frigate, much being to be replied to the motives urged by you to justify the fact, it may be discoursed at your being here, I permitting you to come to Pisa, Leghorn, and wherever you will freely, and to depart whenever you please, without any doubt of being molested, my intention being to co-operate and not to hinder, that by your means the needful assurances may be provided about the English ships, persuading myself of being corresponded with in an equal manner by the Parliament of the republic of England, unto whom I shall ever preserve due respect, as also affection to yourself.—Pisa, $\frac{11}{21}$ December* 1652. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, translation.*]

28. III. *Relation by Capt. Hen. Appleton of what passed at the Mould of Leghorn,* $\frac{23 \text{ November}}{2 \text{ December}}$, 1652. *I had on board the Leopard a Dutch mariner and suspected spy, who leaped overboard and endeavoured to swim ashore to the Mould head. Two of my mariners, being at the waterside, stopped him in the water, when he called upon the sentinel to aid in his rescue, and promised him a reward, who immediately drew his sword, and took the prisoner out of the water, and received a dollar. Being at this moment in a boat, I went ashore to accommodate the difference with the sentinel at his watchhouse, and desired him courteously*

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to deliver me the prisoner; perceiving he drew his sword and threatened to strike some of my men, I stopped his hand, and requested him to forbear, which he did, and delivered up the prisoner, upon my promising to present him to the governor or colonel. In the interim, the French and Dutch went to the next sentinel, and told him strange things, whereupon he, a musketeer, and an officer, came running after me, and presenting their muskets, threatened to fire if I did not redeliver up the prisoner. I ordered him to be surrendered, and they all went away, and made their complaint first, whereas I had the most reason to complain of them, for it was never my intention to affront or molest any of his Highness's subjects, much less the sentinel. The truth hereof I can make appear by divers gentlemen who were spectators. [1¼ *pages.*]

Dec. 15. Dover. **29.** Wm. Cullen, Mayor of Dover, to Capt. Bartlett. I send you a list of 12 deserving seamen in our town, and wish the State would put some of them in command, which would encourage many to the service. They, with others of this town, were aboard General Blake's fleet, in the engagement with Tromp on May the 19th, and did good service. I hope the State will honour us so much as to bestow the name of Dover upon one of their frigates. [¾ *pages.*]

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2, 3. Capt. Chapman or Chaplin, late commander of the Entrance, to be committed to the Fleet, to await his trial for neglect of duty in the engagement with the Dutch off Ness Point. Doctor Walker to prepare a charge against him.

4, 5. The Irish and Scotch Committee's report concerning clipped money in Ireland, and the report concerning the Mint, to be considered to-morrow. The Master of the Mint, and such officers as he thinks advisable, to attend.

6. The petition of divers coasters and victuallers of the city of London, for a continuance of convoy, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **30.**]

7. The arms and ammunition now in Conway Castle, a list of which has been sent to Council, signed John Carter, to be removed to Chester, and there secured until further order.

8. The Admiralty Committee to consider the letter from the Governor of Dover Castle of the 15th, and to decide what is best to be done for giving notice to the English ships of the posture of the enemy. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **31.**]

10. Also to consider the abuse which is commonly practised in the felling of the State's timber for the public service, and what is to be done for redress thereof, and to report either to Council or to Parliament, as they judge most fit.

12. Col. Ingoldsby and Major Evelyn to consider the petition of

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Paul Banister and John Truelock, and to cause restitution if they find the matter as suggested.

13. Six weeks' more time to be allowed to Sir Thos. Urquart of Cromarty, Scotland, on his petition for his stay there, dating from the expiration of his present leave of absence.

14. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the petition of Col. James Heane, Governor of Jersey, for some supplies from England, and to report.

15. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the report of the Admiralty Committee on the letter from the Navy Commissioners, touching the building of 30 new frigates.

16. The petition of William Harrington, merchant of London, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

18. The Army Committee to make satisfaction to Rebecca Giear, widow, of Weymouth, for her house, which is used by the soldiers there.

19. Order, on the Admiralty Commissioners' report about providing victuals for a greater number of men who are to be aboard the fleet, that provision be made for 14,000 men for six months, besides the 16,000 already declared for.

20. To write the Navy Committee to contract with the Navy Victuallers for the extra provisions, and to see that money be supplied for them at the times agreed on.

21. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the order of Parliament concerning the business of Portugal.

22. The money due to Col. Bingham to be paid out of the contingent moneys of Council, and his letter and report to be looked up.

23. The clerk of the Admiralty Committee to give particular account to Council by whom every captain of last summer's and this winter's guard were recommended.

24. The Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker to attend the Committee for Foreign Affairs to-morrow, and to bring with them the laws and ordinances of war which they were ordered to prepare.

25. Power to be given to the Customs' Commissioners to permit the importation of pipestaves and clap boards, as well as other things necessary and useful to the commonwealth.

26. The Lord President to present to Parliament the representation of the Admiralty Commissioners about providing 100,000*l.* forthwith for payment of seamen's wages, and 110,000*l.* for victuals, viz., 60,000*l.* by January 1st, and 50,000*l.* in February, without which they cannot get the fleet ready in such time as the present exigency requires, besides sums for other occasions of the Navy, and to move Parliament to appoint some effectual means for raising the same.

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27. The victuals for six months for the 16,000 men formerly declared, and the 14,000 now declared, to be provided in the several ports in the following proportions:—

London and Chatham	14,500
Portsmouth	8,000
Dover and Sandwich -	- 2,000
Plymouth - -	2,500
Harwich - -	1,000
In Ireland	- 1,000
Hull - -	1,000
Total -	- 30,000

29. Order, on consideration of Lieut.-Col. Joseph Hunkin, Governor of Scilly's proposal to have persons empowered to exercise civil power there, that the Lord Commissioners of the Great Seal put Lieut.-Col. Hunkin and Major John Bawden into the commission of peace for Cornwall, and issue a commission to such captains or other officers in the island as they think fit, whose names Lieut. Hancock, the presenter of the proposals, will give in, to administer the oath of justice to them.

30. The Admiralty Committee to consider that part of the proposals of the Governor of Scilly desiring a constant convoy for money and provisions from England to that garrison. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **32.**]

31. That Committee to give order for the selling of the Hunter to the Governor, for the use of the garrison of the Scilly Islands, if it is not now used in the service. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **33.** *With note that this to be considered when Major Thomson comes to the Committee.*]

32. To write to Thos. Bendish, of Yarmouth, to repair the old guard houses there, provided the expense do not exceed 10*l.*, and to charge a bill of exchange upon Mr. Frost, to be paid out of Council's contingencies.

33. Order,—on the desires of Col. Goffe for 2*s.* 6*d.* a day more for fire and candle for the guards at Yarmouth and Lowestoft forts (there being an increase of four by the late fortifications), and for the adding of two matrosses and a gunner's mate, without which the guns lately sent cannot be managed,—that the Lord General consider, in settling the establishment which is now preparing on the reducement in hand, that provision be made accordingly.

34. The Ordnance Committee to consider Col. Goffe's desire for a speedy supply of match for the guards at Yarmouth and Lowestoft, and for the exchange of 200 matchlock for 200 snaphance muskets.

36. Capt. Wm. Purefoy of the Peter to bring his ship into the Downs to Gen. Blake, his being one of the squadron designed for the Straits.

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37. The convoy ordered to go with the provision ships to Scotland to proceed on their voyage forthwith.

38. The draft of an Act for setting on foot the manufacture of saltpetre here to be reported to Parliament.

39. Order,—on report from the Ordnance Committee of a contract with Henry Strudwick, of Sussex, for 60 tons of great iron shot, to be delivered into the stores at Portsmouth at 11*l.* 10*s.* a ton, and for 600 hand-granades at 2½*d.* a pound, if the State will provide a convoy for the same,—that Council agree thereto, and will take care for the convoy.

41. 11*l.* to be reimbursed to Hen. Simball, late keeper of Peterhouse, for keeping Capt. Holmes, from 20 April to 20 December 1650, at 6*s.* 8*d.* a week.

42. 50*l.* to be paid to Capt. And. Ball, for losses, charges, and wages for service in the Antelope, in the expedition to the Sound.

44. The following officers of ships, nominated by the Admiralty Committee on December 4, approved.

OFFICERS.	KENTISH.	SUSSEX.	GIFT PRIZE.	DUTCH PRIZE.	NIGHTINGALE
Commander -	— ——— -	— ——— -	Edw. Blagg -	Rich. Suffill -	——
Master -	Solomon Clarke -	Mat. Ryder -	Phil. Norbery -	Geo. Maynard -	Sam. Higginson.
Boatswain -	Thos. Hall - -	Nath. Ellis -	Barh. Cocke -	Chris. Denman -	Jas. Tucker.
Gunner -	Godfry Reader -	John Robinson -	— Browning -	Mat. Jeffery -	——
Purser - -	Sam. Thurston -	Thos. Harrison -	John Brangwin	Thos. Houper -	——
Carpenter -	John Mayden -	Thos. Rivers -	Jas. Ede - -	Morly Monox -	——
Cook -	Mat. May - -	Hen. Bromehead	John Beale -	Rob. Atkins -	——

With note that some are recommended by the Council of State, and some are at Plymouth and already in the ship.

Also Hen. Best to be carpenter of the Paradox.

45. Order that a fleet be sent to the Straits, to assist Capt. Badiley against the Dutch.

53. The Navy Commissioners to be empowered to seize all pitch, tar, and other commodities useful for the navy, in any ports of the commonwealth, paying for them at the usual rates, and causing them to be put into the State's storehouses.

56. To write the Parliament Commissioners in Ireland to cause the accounts of Gabriel Heatley to be stated with speed. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 97–111.]

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Whitehall.

Council of State to the Navy Victuallers. Great complaints have been made of the badness of the fleet's victuals last year, which you excuse because, for want of timely notice, on pressing occasions you had to kill meat in hot weather, and make provisions at unseasonable times. Though we have declared for 16,000 men's victuals for next summer's fleet, yet to prevent such excuses in future, and to have a full supply for the seamen, and something remaining for the ensuing winter, we hereby declare for 14,000 men's victuals for six months besides, to be provided at such ports as we order. You are to be

most careful that the victuals be good and wholesome, and we shall take a very strict account of your exact performance. [*I.* 68, *p.* 109.]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. **34.** Council of State to Capt. John Limbery. You are to repair to the coasts of Kent and Sussex, and give directions about the lights or nocturne fires, altering them as you think fit for the service, and using all diligence. Forbid all boats from going out of any port for as long as you think fit, and give any other direction needful to prevent the enemies having notice of what you have done. All mayors, sheriffs, and other officers, civil or military, are to aid you. [1 *page. Also I.* 68, *p.* 110.]

Dec. 16. Council of State to the captains of the State's ships in the port of Chester. As the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament to state the accounts of the soldiery in Ireland are at Chester for transportation thither, you are to transport them, with their families, clothes, &c. to Dublin, the first wind. [*I.* 68, *p.* 111.]

Dec. 16. Order in the Committee to confer with the Scottish deputies,—on a Parliament order of December 15th, adding several members to the Committee, and resolving the ascertaining of the proportions of members to sit in Parliament for Scotland, and the time of their sitting,—that the Committee meet the deputies thereon to-morrow, at 8 a.m. [*I.* 138, *p.* 36.]

Dec. 17. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

2. The Admiralty Judges to certify speedily the state of the Portugal ships before the Admiralty Court.

6. The petition of Rich. Hincksman and others referred to Mr. Thurloe, for his opinion.

8. The papers concerning Sarah Jacket, given in to Council, to be looked up and brought to this Committee.

9. Also those concerning the losses of Huet Leat from the Spaniard.

10. This Committee having, as ordered, considered the letter from the Judges of the High Court of Admiralty in Scotland, dated Leith, November 13th, request Council's direction in several points, and offer their opinion as follows:—

(1.) As to the Dutch ships and busses brought into the Orkney Isles, Inverness, and other ports, Council should write to the said judges, ordering proceedings against them in the Admiralty Court in Scotland for adjudging them prize, as also other Dutch vessels that have lain under an embargo in the several ports of Scotland. That the vessels so adjudged be sold for the public use, by trusty persons, to be appointed by Maj.-Gen. Deane, or the Commander-in-Chief, and the Commissioners for Justice in Scotland, they giving the said persons directions for the sale, pursuant to those given the Commissioners for Prizes.

(2.) To signify to the said Admiralty Judges that the meaning of Council's letter of September 25th, concerning commissions for privateers, which they question, as being directed to the Commis-

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sioners for Administration of Justice, was that the commissions should issue out of the said Admiralty Court, the direction to the said Commissioners being only that they should signify the same to the Admiralty Court.

(3.) Concerning a Dutch prize of 300 or 400 tons, and the Falcon frigate, both damaged by lying in harbour, and many desiring to buy or hire them, to write to request Maj.-Gen. Deane, or the Commander-in-Chief there, to inquire into their usefulness, and how they might best be employed, and meantime to give such order that they receive no damage. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 6–9.]

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3. To acquaint Capt. Deakins that General Blake has ordered him, with the rest of the ships on the northern coast, to repair to him, and to desire him so to do.

6. The Ordnance Committee to see that the powder which the powder makers contracted to furnish with the saltpetre last provided them is delivered at the time contracted for.

7. Also to consider and report upon that part of Major-Gen. Desborow's letter concerning the using some brass guns now at Plymouth, and to report with speed.

8. To write and thank Major-Gen. Desborow for his care in the public service, and to beg him to continue it.

9. Col. Ingoldsby, Sir Hy. Mildmay, and Major-Gen. Harrison added to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

10. Major-Gen. Harrison and Alderman Allein added to the Ordnance Committee.

11. Mr. Thurloe to prepare commissions for Major-General Deane and Lieut.-General Monk for their commands in the fleet, according to order of Parliament, and to bring them to Council on Tuesday.

12. To inform the Navy Committee of the arrival at Portsmouth of a prize ship from Barbados, and to desire them to pay her off, that she may be speedily fitted out for sea.

13. The Admiralty Committee to take care that as soon as she is unladed, she is fitted for sea. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **35.**]

14. To acknowledge Capt. Wyard's letter from Tynemouth, and to desire him to remain there till further orders from Council or the General.

15. A letter to Council, dated December 11th, from Major-General Deane, signifying his readiness to repair hither, on some fit person being appointed to fill his place, referred to the Lord-General, to give such direction as he shall think fit.

16, 17. The Commissioners for the sale of Dutch Prizes to certify to Council from time to time what prize ships may be fitted for men-of-war, with their tonnage and number of guns, and the Navy Commissioners to survey any so reported, and certify their opinion as to their setting out.

18. The Commissioners sent to the fleet to be thanked for their

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report, and the care they have given in the service upon which they were employed.

19. The Fleet Commissioners to order the drawing out of the examinations taken of every captain particularly by themselves, and to present them to Council.

20. Col. Fielder, Mr. Cawley, Mr. Challoner, Col. Morley, Col. Wauton, and Mr. Say added to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

21. To write to Gen. Blake that Council has received an account from the Commissioners sent to him of the state of the fleet, and of his readiness to assist them in their business, for which they thank him, and that all possible endeavours are using for the speedy setting forth of the fleet.

22. The like order on the petition of Christopher Nugent, prisoner in Chester Castle, for his coming up to attend Council, as given in Col. Geraldine's case.

23. Order on considering the qualities and rates of the ships to be set forth for next summer's fleet, that all merchant ships hired for the service shall carry 26 guns at least.

24. The captains of such hired ships shall be chosen and the officers approved of by the State.

25. The Admiralty Committee to consider the papers delivered in by the Commissioners sent to the fleet.

27. Lord Chief Justice Rolle to pay to Mr. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, on the Parliament order of December 16th, all sums that have been paid him by counties, on the Act of 43 Elizabeth, for relief of prisoners in the Marshalsea, which money is to be issued by him for the relief of maimed mariners.

28, 29. The petitions of Wm. Ware, and Thos. Rumny, and of the mariners lately serving in the Assurance frigate, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 112–117.]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Council of State to Dan. Judd. We hear there remains in your hands a quantity of powder, which by your contract should have been delivered in long since, and the want of which is a great prejudice. You are to deliver before Monday morning all that remains of your contract, as you will answer the contrary, and attend Council in afternoon to give an account of your proceedings. [*I.* 68, *p.* 117.]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Pass for Manasseh Ben Israel, a Rabbi of the Jewish nation, well reported of for his learning and good affection to the State, to come from Amsterdam to these parts. All officers to give him the favourable entertainment due to well-affected strangers, they behaving themselves without offence. [*I.* 68, *p.* 117.]

Dec. 17. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE SCOTTISH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. On Whitelock's brief report of former proceedings with the deputies, they are called in, the Parliament order of 15 Dec. read

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to them, and they informed that Parliament have left it to a select committee to consider the number of members that are to sit for Scotland, and the time of their sitting, when the deputies obtain leave to withdraw and debate thereon.

2. The Committee debates concerning false coinage in Scotland, and proposals for redress are read.

3. The deputies return and press that, before any report is made to Parliament about the members, they may know the number resolved on, as hitherto they have been only heard speak to the rule, but not to the number and time of meeting; they then withdraw.

4. Order to reply to the above, that the Committee for ascertaining the number of deputies is distinct from this Committee, which cannot communicate its proceedings to them till they have been first reported to Parliament; that they were a Committee formerly appointed to ascertain the proportion of members throughout England and Ireland, before this Committee, and that what Parliament does on their report, this Committee knows not.

5. The deputies are called in and acquainted with the above. They press the Committee to represent to Parliament their desires to know the proportion of members intended for Scotland, and to be heard before the close of the business. Also they press that the assess may not be the rule for proportion, in regard of the inability of the people of Scotland.

6. Order that the conference be resumed on Tuesday at 8 a.m.

7. The deputies acquaint the Committee with the death of Sir Alex. Swinton, joined in commission for the sheriff and commissary of Berwickshire, and withdraw. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 36–38.]

Dec. 17. Exeter. **36.** Certificate of Ra. Herman, mayor, and five others, that in Aug. 1643, 17 packs of wool, value 300*l.*, belonging to Robt. Robins, merchant of Exeter, were, by order of the then chief governors of the city, taken out of his cellars, and used for fences and barricades upon the bridge and other places in the suburbs, for defence of the city then closely besieged by Prince Maurice and others; that upon the rendition of the city, the wool was lost, and no reparation was ever made to Robins for the same. That Robins has been and is well affected, and has been a great sufferer for the Parliament cause. With certificate of Andrew Raddon, Wm. Scutt, and Toby Allein, that they received and delivered such sacks of wool for the purpose above mentioned. [1 *page.*]

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1. To write to * * * to acquaint him with what is informed concerning the enemy, that he may be watchful.

2. The Lord President, Ld. Bradshaw, Col. Sidney, and Col. Wauton to be a Committee to prepare laws and articles of war for the fleet, and bring them to Council next Monday.

3. Sir Hen. Vane to request Parliament that on Tuesday next, they consider what may be done for encouragement of seamen, and also make laws and ordinances of war for regulation of fleet.

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4. To write to the Commander of the forces at Rochester to examine all persons riding post, and, if he find any Dutch whom he suspects, to detain them and give account to Council.

5. No vessels employed in carrying over the English packet, whether French or Flemish, to be molested or taken by State ships or privateers, unless they carry prohibited goods.

6. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Ambassadors of Portugal next Monday at 4 p.m., in the chamber appointed in Whitehall; Fleming to attend him.

7. The petition concerning Sion College referred to the former Committee, to which are added Lord Bradshaw and Sir Hen. Mildmay.

9. To signify to the Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prize Goods that, owing to there being no waiters from them on board the Samson, Salvador, and George, the treasure in them is conveyed away privately. That they are to see that waiters from them remain constantly on board those vessels in future, for prevention of what is complained of.

10. The Committee for Scotch Prisoners to meet this afternoon on the business of David Rosse.

11. Mr. Hull to be paid for fire and candles for the meeting in the late Lords' House with the deputies from Scotland, out of contingent money of Council. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 118, 119.]

Dec. 18.
The Paragon, Porto Longone.

37, 38. Capt. Hen. Appleton to the Council of State. The same night the Phœnix was regained from the Dutch, one of their mariners came on board the Leopard, and by consent of Chas. Longland, our agent, I detained him as a spy, and enclose you a true relation of the whole business. The Great Duke of Tuscany, at the instigation of the Dutch and French, makes a quarrel about the sentinel on the Mould, and the regaining of the Phœnix, and sent for me to wait upon him at Pisa, which I immediately did. Upon my arrival I had no audience, but was committed prisoner to the castle, with orders that no one should speak with me. Four days after, I was removed under a guard and by a secret way to Porto Ferraro, where I remained two nights. Then our Admiral, Capt. Rich. Badiley, sent the commanders of the ships here for me, and I am now confined here until his Highness alters his mind, of which I much doubt, my enemies being too prevalent with him. I suffer because to abuse me is to give our enemies the Dutch and French content. Consider my sad condition seriously. My chief care ever was and is to observe your commands, and had I not been very careful, the Phœnix had been fired in the Mould by some of ours. [2 *copies.*] *Enclosing.*

38. 1. *Relation by Capt. Appleton of what passed at the Mould at Leghorn,* $\frac{\text{22 November}}{\text{2 December}}$ 1652. [*See* 15 *December, No.* 28, *III., supra.*]

Dec. 18.
The Success, Portsmouth.

39. William Kendall to the Admiralty Committee. I am informed by a passenger from New England that 40,000*l.* or 50,000*l.* worth of English goods have lately been captured by the Francis

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and Patrick, and other men-of-war of Brest and Holland; there are seven or eight ships here that will be ready to go and look for them in a few days, if ordered. I could have done service upon them, but my ship, though a good fighting ship, is a heavy sailer. I beg the command of a frigate that sails well. I have seen much service between Waterford and Duncannon Castle; I took the little island in Waterford river, and beat off Sturlock, the great Tory. I was then commanded to Scotland, and by the way, had a sharp dispute for four hours with seven men-of-war, Irish and Dunkirkers, and came off very fair. In Scotland I relieved our friends in spite of towns and castles, and was a chief instrument of getting the English army into Fife. I was sent as commander-in-chief with four ships to Dundee, and ran the risk of being sunk or burnt in getting up two barks laden with bread and guns for St. Johnston's garrison. I helped Col. Monk over with all his army, and stormed the town with him. I was hotly engaged with the Holland fleet westward for two hours and a half all alone, and received a wound which will lame me for life. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 20. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Every Ambassador who comes to have audience at Council or any Committee is to be brought to the stair foot in the first court of Whitehall, in his own coach of state, no other being permitted to come in, and from thence he is to be brought to the chamber appointed for meeting with Ambassadors.

2. The list of seamen in co. Dorset, taken by Mr. Arthur, vice-admiral there, to be sent from Council to the Navy Commissioners, to use as required. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **40.**]

3. The Committee of Council appointed to bring in reports upon references made last year to the Committee for Examinations, to consider what may be offered to Parliament to prevent the followers and retainers of Charles Stuart from coming over, and petitions presented by such persons to be delivered to that Committee.

4. To ask the Navy Committee whether they will need, for the use of the fleet, all the brimstone in the custody of the Dutch Prize Commissioners.

5. Col. Morley, Mr. Challoner, Sir John Trevor, Sir Peter Wentworth, Sir Wil. Masham, Mr. Strickland, and the Earl of Salisbury to be a Committee to have audience with Signor Amerigo Salvetti, agent from the Duke of Tuscany, on Thursday at 4 p.m., in the chamber appointed in Whitehall; Fleming to give him notice and bring him thither.

6. The substance of Capt. Deakins' letter from the Advice frigate of the 17th inst., and the Governor of Portsmouth's of the 18th inst. to be signified to Gen. Blake, who is to give such orders as he shall think fit.

7. The letter from Col. Whetham, Governor of Portsmouth, to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **41.**]

8. The orders of the former Council on any of Col. Humphrey's petitions, and the letters of administration granted him to be looked up, and brought to Council.

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9. The Committee of Foreign Affairs to consider three propositions concerning the raising of money.

10–13. The petitions of John Blunden, purser of the Sovereign; of Christopher Stoakes; of Peter Bowen, late lieutenant of the Garland; and of Joane Countrey, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

14. The Lord President to present to Parliament two papers brought in by the Admiralty Commissioners, for the regulation of the fleet and the encouragement of seamen, and to let them know that Council have prepared some laws and articles of war for the government of the fleet, which will be ready for their consideration on Wednesday. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 118–124.]

Dec. 20. **42.** Report of the Admiralty Committee, upon references from the Council of State, as to the encouragement to be given to mariners, to induce them to come in cheerfully and speedily to the service.

That the rates of pay set down in a list enclosed be allowed to the officers from 1 Jan. next, whereupon the gratuities allowed of late years to some officers are to cease, as being there included.

That the State's ships be speedily distributed into ranks, and a certain number of men and guns apportioned to the ships of each rank, and not varied but by special order from the State.

That such as Parliament shall appoint see the particulars put in execution, and give orders requisite for effecting thereof, and cause publication to be made in such manner as they think fit. [*Draft*, 1½ *pages.*]

[Dec. 20.] **43.** PROPOSITIONS for the ENCOURAGEMENT of SEAMEN.

I. As to Sick and Wounded Men.

1. That the wounded be continued in pay until cured or some pension settled.

2. That for every six months' service, 5*l.* for every 100 men be laid out in provisions for sick or wounded men, and some care also be taken for old linen for their wounds.

3. That in case any be sent on shore through sickness, the Deputy Treasurer of the Fleet, by order from the General, pay tickets for their relief, together with conduct money, and that the magistrates of any town where they shall be sent on shore be required to take care for them.

4. That some convenient house be hired in Deal as a hospital for wounded men, with a surgeon and all other necessaries advised by the Corporation of Surgeons' Hall.

5. That when wounded men are sent ashore to other seaport towns, the mayor or other chief officers take care to accommodate them, and the Governor of the Chest satisfy all charges.

6. That some hospitals in London be reserved for wounded seamen, and that the moiety of all hospitals in England, as they become void, be reserved for such as shall be wounded in the service of the navy after 1 Jan. next.

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II. As to Wages.

1. That the wages of able seamen fit for the helm and lead top and yard be augmented from 19*s.* to 24*s.* a month, whereof 1*s.* to be paid to the minister and surgeon as formerly, and the rest to the party.

2. That the wages of all not capable of the aforesaid duties be continued at 19*s.* a month, boys and gromets excepted.

3. That gromets be allowed 14*s.* 3*d.* a month, and boys 9*s.* 6*d.*, whereof 1*s.* to be paid to the minister and surgeon as formerly.

4. That the captain, master, and boatswain of each ship, before payment of their companies, rate the wages of the seamen, certifying the same against each man's name according to his abilities, and sign the sea book with the purser; and in case of the discharge of any from the ship, certify upon their discharge ticket their abilities, and rate them according to these distinctions.

5. That if there be found any partiality in rating men, the Treasurer and Navy Commissioners have power to determine all such differences.

6. That such mariners as voluntarily come into the service have the same conduct money as the pressed men, on making their travelling expenses apparent.

III. As to the Shares in Prizes.

1. That all officers and seamen who have served six months or upwards since the war began with the Dutch, and continue in the service, or being discharged, voluntarily come in for the year ensuing, within 40 days after the date hereof, shall, out of the proceeds of prizes already taken or to be taken, have one month's pay, at the coming in of their several ships, from the Treasurer of the Navy.

2. That there being many and great disappointments by the present way of sharing prizes, all captains, seamen, and others that serve in the State's own ships or merchants' ships employed in the service, shall have, in lieu of all prizes, for every ship or prize they shall lawfully take, whether merchant, man-of-war, laden or light, 10*s.* for every ton the ship shall measure, and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for every piece of ordnance, iron or brass, to be paid by the Collectors for Prize Goods within * * days after payment of the wages of the seamen, in case adjudication be made of the ship in the Admiralty Court; this to be shared amongst them proportionably, according to their respective offices in the ship and the custom of the sea.

3. All captains, seamen, and others serving as aforesaid to take to themselves as pillage, without account, all goods upon or above the gun deck, and for every man-of-war sunk or destroyed 10*l.* a gun only, to be divided as aforesaid, and also paid by the Collectors for Prize Goods within three days after the payment of the ship, upon certificates of the matter of fact by the Council of War. [*Damaged. 4 pages.*]

[Dec. 20.] **44.** Similar orders for sick and wounded men, adding:—

That the Lord Admiral's tenths of all prizes be appointed for defraying the charges, of the sick and wounded, and for relief of widows, children, and impotent parents of those slain in the service

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at sea; also for medals and rewards to officers and seamen who do any singular service. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 20. **45.** Report of the Admiralty Committee, upon a reference from the Council of State concerning John Holland, one of the Navy Commissioners, and upon a letter from them on the necessity for an addition to their number, that * * be appointed a Commissioner in the room of Holland, and that Nehemiah Bourne and Mr. Hopkins be added, at the same salary as the others receive. [*Draft.* 1 *page.*]

Dec. 20. Leghorn. **46.** Charles Longland to the Navy Committee, Westminster. The bills I sent Capt. Elle upon you for 500*l.* advance were returned to me, so I had to pay him 2,000 dollars ready money. The Sampson Peregrin, Mary, and Levant Merchant must have their money, and I cannot get any of them to take bills, so I must pay it here, and will send their acquittances. I have drawn bills upon you for 12,000 dollars, at 6*s.* 3*d.* a dollar, being 3,150*l.*, payable in three months, which I hope will be punctually satisfied, as that will enable me to serve you for the future. I have besides sent commissions to the Harry Bonadventure at Naples, and to the Freeman, Northumberland, Bendish, Concord, Ann Bonadventure, Elizabeth and Mary, Smyrna Factor, and Vivian at Venice, but these will have three months' pay in advance, or will not serve. I will try to content them with two months'. The Phœnix is at Naples repairing; the regaining of her has much dejected the enemy, and it was a noble exploit of Capt. Cox. They fought 1½ hours between decks after they set sail, before they got the victory; three English lost their lives, whereof one was Mr. Young, lieutenant in the Leopard, and six were wounded. There were nine Dutch slain and 15 wounded.

The Elizabeth and Warwick frigates have got out of Porto Longone and I hope they will find meat for the rest; there want not many Dutch ships trading up and down these seas.

I hear that your Committee have the power of redeeming the English captives in Barbary, particularly at Tripoly and Tunis. In regard of the vicinity of this place for such a duty, I acquaint you that, by letters from poor captives there, and by conference with some English that came lately from thence, I hear that 50 or 60 English may be redeemed one with another for 260 dollars, or 65*l.* a man, except four or five who have cut their own ransoms with the Bashaw, and those will not be released without paying the full sum they have agreed for. If you will advance such a sum, and give me the commission to do it, I will send over a vessel and a man, and send them all to Leghorn, whence they may embark upon your ships for England. On receiving your answer, I will direct the money to be laid out in cloth fitting that place. With copy of his letter of 13 Dec. [3 *pages.*]

Dec. 21. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Note that Lord Grey, and the Attorney-General, did this day take the oath.

2. The report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, concerning clipped and base money in Ireland, to be considered next Tuesday, the master and officers of the Mint to attend.

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3. The Commissioners for Sale of Dutch Prize Goods to send all bullion, gold, and silver, taken from time to time and adjudged prize, to the Tower, to be coined.

4. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider Col. Duckenfield's letter of Dec. 18.

5. The petition of John Plover, mariner, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

6. The Navy Commissioners to consider the letter from the Mayor of Lynn.

7. The Mint Committee to consider Alderman Noel's propositions, and speak thereon with the officers of the Mint.

8. Mr. Challoner to present to Parliament the draft he has of the Act concerning the coining of money.

9. The letter of the Navy Victuallers referred to the Admiralty Committee to speak with them of the particulars mentioned, and consider what shall be done for the future victualling of the fleet. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **47.**]

10. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider all petitions addressed to Council by people who have sustained loss by the Portuguese, and decide what is fit to be insisted on by the Commissioners who treat with the Ambassador, on behalf of the petitioners so damnified, and report.

11. The Committee for Prisoners to consider the petition of — Lovell, and admit him to bail, unless they see cause to the contrary, when they are to report.

12. Capt. Fuller to be discharged, on the report of his case this day received.

13. The bills of lading taken from James Stanier on his apprehension to be restored to him, after a list has been first taken of them, and he is to give a receipt for them.

14. Sir Hen. Vane, Sir Hen. Mildmay, Mr. Bond, Major-Gen. Harrison, Mr. Scott, Mr. Love, and Mr. Strickland to be a Committee to consider of some fit place in Whitehall for the Treasury Commissioners, and, if necessary, confer with the Committee of Whitehall.

16. The petition of John Ward referred to the Admiralty Committee.

17. The Lord President to present to Parliament the ordinances of war for the regulation of the fleet read this day.

18. Mr. Challoner to present the letter prepared by Council, to be sent in the name of Parliament to the Duke of Venice.

19. The petition of Giles and John Guymartio and John de Partene, merchants, owners of the Wheel of Fortune, referred to the Admiralty Judges.

20. To write to the Judges of the Admiralty Court in Scotland to proceed against the ships of the United Provinces brought into the Isle of Orkney, Inverness, and other ports of Scotland, and also those other ships belonging to that people lying under an embargo there. The ships to be sold by trusty persons appointed by Major-Gen. Deane or the Commander-in-Chief, and the Commissioners for

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Administration of Justice in Scotland, who are to give such rules as they judge most for the advantage of the Commonwealth, and pursuant to the directions given to the Collectors of Prize Goods. Also to signify to the said judges that they are to issue commissions for privateers, and that the letter was only direccted to the Commissioners for Justice that they might signify it to the said judges.

21. To write to Major-Gen. Deane or the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, to ascertain the value of a Dutch prize, 300 or 400 tons' burden, and also of the Falcon frigate, and how they may best be employed, and meantime he is to see that they take no damage.

24. The Customs' Commissioners to allow certain quantities of oatmeal to be transported to Ireland for the forces there, free of customs.

25. The Irish and Scotch Committee to confer with the Attorney-General concerning their report of Nov. 24, about adjusting the amount due for the boat employed between Milford Haven and Waterford, to be paid out of the profits of the Post Office. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 125–129.]

Dec. 21. Committee to confer with Scotch Deputies. Day's Proceedings.

1. The debate about the number of members renewed, the deputies still pressing that the assess be not the sole rule of proportion. They request consideration of the number of parishes in England, viz., 10,000, and in Scotland but 980, and the intrinsic value of those in England double to those in Scotland, making Scotland 1 part in 20. This they wish not to be the sole rule, but to influence the proportion.

2. They urge that the time for the Scotch members to sit should be the close of the Union, and that before the number is resolved on by Parliament, they may be heard thereon.

3. The Committee remind them of their former answer about another Committee, but promise to remember their desires when the business is brought before Parliament.

4. The debate about redress of false coins in Scotland resumed. The deputies proposed that the Mint house there should be revived and repaired; royals called in and the intrinsic value given for them; a stock of 10,000*l.* advanced, and a little more for repairing the Mint house and materials, &c.

5. The deputies press that, as the time of payment of rent in Scotland is between Christmas and Candlemas, the Committee would move Parliament that the Commissioners at Leith may forbear meddling with the profits under sequestration till, on debate of the Act of general pardon (whereon they desire to be heard), Parliament resolves whose estates shall be confiscated, and who pardoned.

6. Deputies withdraw and conference adjourned to Thursday, December 23. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 38–40.]

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1. The Committee having acquainted Sidney Beare with his appointment as Resident to the Queen of Sweden, he begs to be excused, on account of the great trust on him as one of the executors of the late Earl of Pembroke, and though the Earl of Salisbury, Sir Rob. Pye, and Mr. Oldsworth are joined with him, yet the executive part has been so long wholly in his hands that it would be prejudicial to the persons concerned to transfer it, the most difficult part remaining yet unexecuted. This being affirmed on conference with Mr. Oldsworth, Beare's answer is to be reported to Council.

2. Whitelock and three others to consider the propositions referred by Council about raising money, to speak with the person who made them, and report.

3. Whitelock and five others to speak with Mr. Violet on his paper delivered in this day, consider whether what is there laid down can be used for the public service, and report. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 10–11.]

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2, 3, 4. The petitions of Simon Jansen; of Nich. Hayward, Job Nut, and others; and of Capt. James Gobert, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

6. Sir Hy. Mildmay to move Parliament to consider the draft of the Act forbidding correspondence with the United Provinces.

7. The Navy Commissioners to consider the bailiff of Yarmouth's letter, concerning the impressing of seamen into the service.

8, 9, 13. The petitions of Rebecca Walters; of Will. Pennoyer, and Arnold Beake; and of Rich. Stevens and Wm. Urrie, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

10. That of Peter Parr, French merchant, referred to the Committee of Foreign Affairs.

11. That Committee to consider what sum is to be allowed to Henry Stuart for his transportation.

12. To write to Capt. Willoughby to see that all private men-of-war that have brought in prizes to Portsmouth come within command [of the forts], and have certificates made of the goods taken and brought in by them.

15. The paper from the Portuguese Ambassador referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare articles thereupon on behalf of the Commonwealth.

16. The Admiralty Committee to order the Navy Commissioners to fell at fit times 1,000 trees in Waltham Forest, for the building of the frigates now in hand; also to see that it be done without disadvantage to the Commonwealth, as heretofore.

20. Col. Kelsey to inquire as to the fitness of the master of the post boat at Dover for that trust, and report; and to take special care that notice be taken of all who land or embark at Dover.

21. To acquaint the Navy Committee that Gen. Monk has received his commission to command at sea, and to desire them to advance a fit sum to him, to furnish himself with necessaries.

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22. The petition of Luke Lucie and Samuel Terrick, merchants of London, referred to the Admiralty Judges, who if they find the matter therein stated true, are to give order for the dismission of the ships, goods, and all belonging to her, in the same condition in which they were taken.

24. To write to the Navy Commissioners to acknowledge their letter concerning the damage to the Giles by the Sapphire frigate, and that Council leaves it to them to do as they think best.

25. Sir James Harrington, Mr. Challoner, Sir Hy. Vane, Mr. Love, Mr. Scott, Col. Purefoy, Mr. Gurdon, Col. Fielder, Col. Morley, Sir Hy. Mildmay, Earl of Salisbury, Col. Wauton, Alderman Allein, Sir John Trevor, and Sir Gilbert Pickering to be a Committee for the Mint.

Dec. 22. Council of State to the generals of the fleet, captains of ships, press-masters, &c. As Rob. Rich, merchant of London, and company, owners of the Negro privateer, Chris. Shinner, commander, have engaged that he shall sail through the Channel to the Scilly Islands, and give notice to all English homeward-bound ships of the posture of the enemy, that they may avoid them, and that he will from time to time give intelligence to Council or the generals of the fleet of their posture, you are to permit the ship to pass and repass with her 70 men, without impress or molestation. [*I.* 68, *p.* 137.]

Dec. 23. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To write to Gen. Blake that his letter was not delivered to Council till this morning, and he is to examine by whom the letter was sent, that the neglect may be found out.

2. The petition of Viscount Muskerry, referred to Council by Parliament, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

3, 7–10. The petitions of Richard Girling and others of Ipswich; of Gilbert Keate, Nathan Wright, and others, proprietors of the Bonaventure; of the officers and seamen late belonging to the Anthony Bonadventure; of John Browning, merchant of London; and of the Mayor, jurats, and common council of Sandwich, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **48.**]

4. The petition of divers fishermen of Dieppe, with the annexed letter from the Governor, referred to the Committee of Foreign Affairs.

5. The draft of an Act of State in the United Provinces, read in Council to-day, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

12. The petition of John Carleton and Edw. Bernard referred to the Committee appointed to finish the reports which remain to be made from the Committee for Examinations, on references made to them last year.

13. The letters and papers sent in to Council to-day from Signor Amerigo Salvetti, Resident from the Grand Duke of Tuscany, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report whether they should be referred to Parliament, or whether Council should answer them; and according to their opinion, to prepare a draft of a letter, or a report.

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14, 16. The order of Parliament concerning Sweden, and the letter from Dieppe to Col. Morley, of December 5th, referred to the Committee of Foreign Affairs, to report.

15. Note that Col. Norton was this day sworn.

17. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the state of the navy stores, which Council understands to be very empty, and to inquire where pitch, tar, hemp, cordage, masts, and other necessaries, may be obtained within the commonwealth. They are authorised to bring [buy ?] what proportions they think fit, or any that come on to any of the ports, at market price; and for further supplies, to give license and encouragement to all that will bring in these things, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament of December 10th. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 138–140.]

Dec. 23. Council of State to the Commissioners of Customs. By Council warrant of September 8, liberty was given to Wm. Boeve, merchant of London, to bring in linen from Holland, by way of Flanders,—on account of the difficulties of an immediate passage from Holland through the differences with the United Provinces,—and the penalties of the Act of navigation were suspended. Since then, Council has revoked all such licenses, but he petitioning that he has already brought to Ostend for England 986 pieces of bag cloth, Emden cloth, and shippers' cloth, by virtue of the warrant, he is to be permitted to bring them in, on oath to the truth thereof. [*I.* 68, *p.* 142]

Dec. 23. **49.** Proposition that Parliament and the Council of State should write to all the mayors, bailiffs, aldermen, and burgesses of maritime towns, to present only honest, skilful, and valiant men for captains at sea, and not unworthy men, to the dishonour of the State, and encouragement to the insulting Dutch. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

Dec. 23. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. Commissioner Whitelock acquaints the Committee that Lord Drury has requested a continuance of the allowance granted by Parliament to the deputies for their attendance, the three months for which they had advance being ended.

2. Order that Whitelock acquaint Parliament therewith, and request an advance of three months' pay more, to be charged on compositions for forfeited lands in Scotland, the Committee hoping that before then the business will come to a close, and thereby the great charge of 126*l.* a week, being 20*s.* a day to each deputy, will cease.

3. Order that Mr. Thompson, auditor of the revenue of Scotland, attend this Committee next sitting, to give an account of the revenue there under sequestration. [*I.* 138, *p.* 40.]

Dec. 24. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Whitelock and seven others to consider the propositions for raising money referred by Council, speak with those who made

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them, and report, and that they meet in the little Horse chamber to-morrow.

2. So much of the letters from Hamburg as concerns the taking of their ships to be sent to the Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker, as also what they have done for preventing fraud by concealing enemies' goods in their shipping; they are to certify to this Committee the proceedings in the Admiralty Court against the ships named, with their opinions thereon; likewise what should be done for preventing and discovering frauds of that kind, and for the more equal carrying on of things between this commonwealth and their allies, in cases of that nature; particularly their opinion about what is offered by the senate of Hamburg for preventing fraud.

3. The letter from Hamburg, concerning the Hamburg ship laden with pitch, tar, &c. brought into Portsmouth, and the lading appointed to be contracted for by the Navy Commissioners, with Bradshaw's letter thereon, referred to the said Commissioners, who are to send an answer thereto by one of themselves to this Committee, on Wednesday.

4. Mr. Thurloe to draw up and bring in on Wednesday a letter to the Senate of Hamburg, in answer to theirs concerning the Hamburg ship taken at Barbadoes.

5. Mr. Thurloe to inquire from Wm. Harrington how much pitch, tar, and other shipping materials he will undertake to bring in with the potashes for which he desires a license from Council, and to report his answer to this Committee.

6. Order that where licenses are granted for importing potashes, &c., in order to encourage the bringing in of pitch, tar, and commodities of public use, there is to be brought in at least as much of these things as of those for private use.

7. This Committee to meet on Monday for despatch of business. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 12–14.]

Dec. 24. **50.** Petition of Walter Elford, Edward Bigg, and other owners of the Stambolene, to the Council of State, for leave for their ship, laden with red herrings, to proceed on her voyage to Italy at the peril of the adventurers. The ship is in the Thames, but they hear that Gen. Blake has orders to prevent all ships from proceeding, whereby their goods will be utterly spoiled; therefore they resolve to sail through the north seas, and round Scotland and Ireland, to accomplish their voyage. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 24. **51.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 68, *p.* 144.]

[Dec. 24] **52.** Propositions of Abraham Stock, merchant of Dover, to the [Council of State] to furnish tar at 20*l.* the last of 12 barrels, and rosin at 18*l.* the ton, to be delivered at Dover for ready money on condition,—

1. That he may have leave to purchase two prizes on appraisement, to send to Norway and the Eastland for tar, the value to be deducted from his first payment.

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2. To have leave to employ therein such men as he pleases, the Acts of Parliament notwithstanding.

3. To have strict orders for pass, and letters of assistance.

4. In case the vessels miscarry, he engages to pay for them.

5. To have leave to import the goods at first from Holland, as it is too soon to send any vessel to Norway, and then he will endeavour to bring in some cordage, hemp, masts, and clapboard.

6. If these propositions are not approved, he offers himself as a factor for purchase of the said goods.—Dover, 23rd December 1652. [2¼ *pages.*]

Dec. 24. **53.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 68, *p.* 145.]

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2. The petition of the Company of Muscovy merchants referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, who are to confer with the Company concerning their desires, and report.

3. The Council concur with that Committee in reference to the business of Portugal.

4, 5. The Lord President to sign one part of the articles to be given to the Portuguese Ambassador, and Sir Oliver Fleming and Mr. Thurloe to receive from him bills of exchange for payment of 20,000*l.* at Lisbon, in part of the 50,000*l.* to be paid to the commonwealth by the King of Portugal.

7. Col. Wauton, Sir Wm. Masham, and Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, added to the Committee for examining the business of Legge and Kinnersley.

8. Mr. Thurloe to fix upon a fit place where the papers of the late Committee of Examinations may be kept, to be ready for the Council's use.

9. Dr. Lewis and Dr. Phrares to be examined by the same Committee as Mr. Progers.

10. The Committee for bringing in reports not yet made from the Committee for Examinations to meet on Tuesday, in the further withdrawing room, about this business.

11. Mr. Scott, Mr. Challoner, and Col. Sidney to be a Committee to examine the petition of Walter Lamont, clerk.

12. The certificate of the Admiralty Judges referred to the Admiralty Committee to report.

13. The petition of William Emperour, merchant of Yarmouth, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 144, 145.]

Dec. 24. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1, 3. Whitelock to acquaint the deputies with the order of Parliament of this day, on his request for three months' advance of their salary, and that if the deputies desire it, they may have the Committee's letter to the Commissioners at Leith for payment. The deputies acquainted therewith.

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2, 4. The debate resumed concerning the number of members for Scotland, and the deputies asked what they have to offer.

5. They request consideration of the number of representatives in the Parliament of England and in that of Scotland, abstracted from the House of Lords, and that after some such proportion the number may be ascertained.

6. Also of the accession of strength to England by this union, both by the number and strength of men.

7. Also of the levies sent from Scotland to England in 1641, and the brotherly assistance in 1643. They remind the Committee of the former proportioning of one part in 20 as to the intrinsic value of the parishes in Scotland, which they offer as a general rule, praying to be heard when the Committee settle the number of representatives and establish a rule for assessments; still enforcing that the assessment be not the rule of proportion, alleging that it has not been so in England, instancing the great number of members that serve for Cornwall, a barren county, and the small number for Hertfordshire.

8. The Committee insist on the assessment as the rule of proportion, being the most equal and certain, and that which Parliament had resolved on as the rule for England and Ireland, before Scotland came under consideration.

9. That according to this rule, they have very much reduced the number in Cornwall, and increased those in Hertfordshire, and are thus altering the number of members to a more due and equal proportion.

10. That there may be the same plea of poverty for several counties in England, especially in the north, whose members are, notwithstanding, proportioned to the rule of assessment with the residue of England, the number not having been formerly equally proportioned for the several counties and places.

11. That the number of persons may be estimated according to the value of the land, people being more numerous where lands are more fruitful; but to that the deputies reply that where one man is maintained in England on payment of 100*l.* a year, ten are in Scotland.

12. The Committee demand that from this general debate, the deputies would propound what number they fix upon for Scotland. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 40–42.]

Dec. 24. The Leopard, Leghorn.

Capt. Rich. Badiley to the Navy Committee. I enclose you a translation of the Great Duke's last letter to me. Being clear of our beseigers at Porto Longone, I have come here, in hopes to do better service in settling the business concerning the 6 ships of war in the Mould. No engagement with the enemy is expected, they having 18 men-of-war and two fire-ships in the road.

I have waited on the Great Duke at his court in Pisa, when he was very civil, and discoursed much with me, but did not mention a word about the frigate. I understand he has written the Parliament, desiring satisfaction for the Dutch, as the hostility was done

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in his port, which I admire, and could it have been foreseen, I should not have written him in the manner I did; for since he told me that I should propound something by which the Dutch should remain satisfied, I did not think he would send to my masters at the same time about that very business, and I therefore endeavoured to justify the fact, that he might be kept from seeking further satisfaction.

I have received your and the Council of State's commands not to disturb his port, but to render him all due respect; but some of your servants think that your meaning is we should not spoil his trade by meddling with merchant ships within sight of his castle, and that it was never intended to hinder us from engaging with the enemies' men-of-war. Let me have a clear order what to do; for what I promised the Duke,—as not to do any act of hostility in his chamber or road upon the Dutch,—was only in the commands I have already received; but if I receive new commands from you or the Council of State not to engage with the enemies' men-of-war, I have then only to intimate so much to his Highness. There are 6 or 7 English ships at Venice fit for service, but the commanders make so many delays that I am about sending Capt. Poole, commander of the Leopard, to quicken them. [1¼ *pages. See Dec.* 15, *No.* **28,** *supra.*]

Dec. 25. **54.** Account by [Rob. Blackborne] of assignments of money granted by Parliament upon the customs, excise, prize goods, delinquents' estates, monthly assessments, &c., for carrying on the affairs of the navy. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 25. Poole. **55.** Geo. Skutt, jun., Mayor of Poole, to the Council of State. I received your order for impressing 66 seamen, and have pressed 30, and sent them to Portsmouth. I will endeavour to raise the remainder, but they absent themselves, and many do not appear after having received the State's money. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 27. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Admiralty Judges to send in on Wednesday the facts concerning the ships pretending to belong to Sweden, now before the Admiralty Court, and Thurloe to consult the Commissioners for Dutch Prizes thereon.

2. Order—on the petition of the fishermen of Dieppe to fish on the coast of Sussex, without disturbance by men-of-war or privateers; and on the letter from the Governor of Dieppe on their behalf, desiring a license for the St. John, belonging to merchants of Dieppe, to go to the coast of Barbary and return,—to request Council to give the said licenses, the Governor of Dieppe having done many good offices to our ships and people trading thither.

3. The draft of the answer to M. de Bourdeaux now read to be offered to Council as fit to be reported to Parliament.

4. Order on the reference from Council about sending Henry Stuart beyond seas, and considering of fit accommodations for him,

Dec. 27. to report that 400*l.* should be allowed for his present charge of transportation, and that he should have bills of exchange for 1,000*l.* at Antwerp, or some other convenient place, to be paid from the exigent moneys of Council. That the Admiralty Committee should appoint a fit vessel for himself, 4 servants, and necessaries to Dunkirk or Ostend. That money being due to several persons in the Isle of Wight on his account, the Revenue Committee should be requested to consider what has been allowed for him whilst there, to take an account of those debts, and order them to be satisfied out of the said allowance.

5. Order, on the petition of Peter Barr, French merchant, for a protection for the Crown of Dieppe, laden with French wines and spirits from Rochelle to Barbadoes, to report to Council that it should be granted, as she carries only lawful commodities, and our ships and goods have always been well used at Dieppe.

6. The person spoken of in relation to his knowledge of masts in Scotland to attend this Committee to-morrow.

7. Order, on report from the Sub-committee on Mr. Oxenbridge's business, to request Council that his salary of 250*l.* a year, as clerk of the check to the Collectors for Prize Goods, be increased to 300*l.* on his acting also for the Commissioners for Dutch Prizes, and that this be put into the bill to be offered to Parliament about the Dutch Prize Office.

8. That part of the said report relating to the number of deputies by him employed in the several ports re-committed for further consideration.

9. Order to report to Council that the petition of the Guinea Company—for an order to free 2 of their barks laden with old sheets, seized by an officer of Customs, on pretence of the late Act for navigation—is not proper for their cognizance, but should be tried by law.

10. Col. Fielder and 3 others to consider how the planting of hemp for cordage may be encouraged, and to report.

11. The Committee to meet on Monday at 9 a.m. to receive the Sub-committee's report on the clothing business.

12. Order on the petition of Capt. Jas. Gobert of Dieppe, for a protection for the St. John of Dieppe to Guinea or Cape de Verd and back, that Council should grant it, in respect of the good correspondence between divers parts of England and Dieppe.

14. Order, on the petition of Simon Jansen, of Copenhagen,—for release of his ship, and for payment of the money due to him for freight, which has been paid by Council's order to Capt. Hatsell, that he may pay his mariners and other debts contracted at Plymouth for victuals, &c.—that Council should write to Hatsell to allow Jansen and his mariners something for sustenance out of the said money in his hands, if, on inquiry, he finds them in want, until further orders, as Council will probably hear from the Resident at Denmark, when order will be taken as to Denmark ships detained here.

15. Order on the petition of John Mathewson, master of the Justice of Copenhagen,—for payment for deals, tar, &c. taken for

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the service on his coming to Portsmouth, and likewise for discharge of his ship, his charges being very great,—that Council order Mr. Willoughby, of Portsmouth, to certify the value of the goods, and allow somewhat from the price, for maintenance of the master and company, till further order. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 14–23.]

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1. The Ordnance Committee to consider the letter from the Governor of Landguard Fort of the 20th, with the list of wants and defects of that place, and report what must be done for their supply.

2. Like order on a like letter and list from the Governor of Portsmouth.

3. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the letter from the Ordnance Officers. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **56.**]

4. All Scotch officers, ministers, and others, who have been discharged on bail from the Tower or any other London prison, to be remanded to prison till further order. This order, with the names of their bails remaining with Council, to be forwarded to the Lieutenant of the Tower, that he may remand them.

5. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the refitting to sea of the London, Lisbon Merchant, Exchange, and Matthew, and the discharge of the Hamburg Merchant, and seven others named.

6. To write to the Navy Committee that the above eight merchant ships have been discharged, and sent up to be paid, and to desire them to give order for it.

7. Jorrell Jocelyn to attend the Committee for Foreign Affairs from time to time as he shall be directed.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the building of 10 more frigates of the 30 ordered by Parliament (order having already been given for the building of 10), and to bring particulars of their rates and proportions to Council.

9. The petition of Capt. Penn referred to the Admiralty Committee, who are to examine his accounts for prizes, and to report thereon, as also their opinion upon his petition.

10. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Portuguese Ambassadors to-morrow at 3 p.m. at the usual place, and Fleming to inform and attend him.

11. The Lord President to present to Parliament the answer now read to the proposition of the French Resident.

12. Also to present the translation of the Dutch placart and the substance of the intelligence from the Netherlands.

14, 15. The two first propositions delivered in to-day from Sir Hardress Waller, Col. Laurence, and Dr. Carteret referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, and the third to the Committee for Scotch and Irish Affairs.

16. The letter from the Mayor of Poole of the 25th referred to the Navy Commissioners.

17, 23. Those from Capt. Clerk of Dec. 5 and 17, aboard the Reserve in Kinsale river, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **57.**]

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18. The letter of Major-General Desborow from Plymouth referred to the Ordnance Committee.

19. To write Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth that Capt. Basket has informed Council that the prize ship brought in by Capt. Cade contains 13 or 14 lasts of tar, and to desire him to take it out for the use of the State, and give bills for it at reasonable rates.

20. The Admiralty Committee to consider the letter from the Ordnance officers, concerning the supplying of ships appointed for the winter guard with cordage and other provisions. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **58.**]

21. Also the letter from the Commissioners in Ireland, dated 20 Dec. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **59.**]

22. The memorial concerning the raising of a sum of money referred to the Committee appointed for that purpose.

24. John Orton, waterman, appointed State's waterman in place of John Prother deceased, at the usual wage.

26. The Committee appointed to receive propositions concerning the raising of money from Baron St. Lambert and others are to give them security as desired, hear from the Baron his discovery, and report.

27. Col. Lister to present to Parliament for their order Col. Sydenham's propositions concerning the fortifying of the Isle of Wight, and raising and repairing blockhouses, forts, and towers therein.

29. The number of ships to be employed in next summer's fleet to answer to the number of men already declared for. The ships to be made up of as many State and prize ships as possible, and the remainder to be supplied by hired merchant ships.

30. The Admiralty Committee to consider the summer fleet, according to a former resolution, and to send in a list of the number and quality of the ships fit for service, and to make serviceable contracts for such merchant ships as they think necessary. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **60.**]

31. To write to the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, to secure in the garrisons adjacent all persons discharged on bail or parole, and to give account thereof to Council.

32. The Lord President to represent to Parliament that there is a very great want of ready money for the navy, both for the paying off of ships coming in, and the fitting out of others, and to request some speedy and effectual way for the supply thereof.

39. The Customs' Commissioners to permit Major Harding and Capt. Yardley to transport to Jersey, free of custom, 300 quarters of wheat, 200 of barley, 100 of malt, 10 of peas, and 200*l.* worth of drapery to make soldiers' clothes, on security to transport them thither, and nowhere else.

40. The Admiralty Committee to appoint a convenient vessel to transport Henry Stuart, third son of the late King, with four servants and necessaries, from the Isle of Wight to Dunkirk or Ostend.

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41. 200*l.* to be allowed him for present charge of transportation, and he to have bills of exchange for 1,000*l.* more at Antwerp, or some convenient place; the said sums to be paid out of the exigent moneys of Council.

42. The Revenue Committee to take account of what debts are due to persons in the Isle of Wight for provisions and other accommodations for Henry Stuart during his residence there, and to pay them from the remainder of the allowance made to him by Parliament.

43. The Navy Commissioners to pay the purser, carpenter, and gunner of the Antelope what is due to them up to the time the ship was lost, and also the mariners, who served in other ships of the same squadron after the loss of their ship, what is due for their service. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 147–155.]

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Portsmouth.

61. Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Council of State. I sent the Portsmouth frigate to convoy the privateers with their supposed prizes up Hampton river, and hope they will arrive to-morrow. I will examine the matter. Two seamen sold 60 ounces of gold to a goldsmith here, who has sold it again; Geo. Reade, a stranger, was the principal in the transaction. Particulars of ships now in port. The service suffers for want of wood required in the yard. I am doing what I can to quell the mutiny of the sailors, and if I can fasten upon any of the ringleaders, I will detain them till further order. [1½ *pages.*]

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Lynn.

62. Jno. Greene, Mayor of Lynn, to the President of the Council of State. I sent a list of 73 mariners who had received their imprest and conduct money, and were sent by ticket to the Navy Office for their disposal, and now send a list of 50 more, who will arrive in a few days, unless 23 of them who volunteered to go with Capt. Hawley of Lynn, who paid their conduct money, be otherwise directed by him. I hope to send 30 more in a day or two, as also to find out those who have absented themselves to avoid the press. The encouragement lately given by Parliament of 24*s.* per month will bring them in more willingly, but so many ships of Lynn being in London makes it more difficult. [1 *page.*]

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Ordnance Office.

63. Ordnance officers to the Council of State. We have surveyed all the powder on board the fleet riding at the Nore, and enclose an account of it, and of the number of guns on board each ship. The captains should see all the cartridges weighed, that nothing may be wanting of the proportion allowed, and strict course should be taken for punishment of those who receive, buy, or embezzle the powder. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

63. I. *Account of the guns,* 1,114, *and powder,* 3,015 *barrels* 50 *lbs., on* 31 *State's ships, named; of the expense of powder in the last fight, and in all; and of the remains, being*

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1,851 *barrels* 34 *lbs. Also like account for* 11 *merchant ships,* 314 *guns,* 456 *barrels of powder; remains, of the State's* 290, *of the owners'* 112 *barrels. Ordnance Office,* 27 *Dec.* 1652. [1½ *sheets.*]

Dec. 27. Leghorn. **64.** Charles Longland to the Navy Committee, Treasury Chambers, Westminster. I have passed my bills on you for 12,000 dollars or pieces of eight, on account of the advance money which I am to pay those ships taken up in these ports. The man I sent to Venice to distribute the State's commissions has returned, and there will be six ships wanting three months' advance or they cannot fit out, so that there is a necessity for more money. I have, however, passed bills on you for 20,000 dollars at 6*s.* 3*d.* payable at three months, and hope they will be accepted. They are larger sums than I have been used to draw on mercantile occasions, and therefore I beg compliance with my drafts, for my whole credit and subsistence depends thereon. I must yet draw larger sums than these, as you may imagine what is requisite to pay a dozen sail, most of whom will have three months' advance money. I will send my accounts in due course. [¾ *page. Copy, with letter of* 3 *Jan.* 1653.]

Dec. 27. Leghorn. **65.** Charles Longland to Rob. Blackborne, secretary to the Navy Committee. The government of maritime affairs being in so many hands makes the management thereof tedious, and the reformation promised will be good news to all. I rejoice to hear of the good success of Gen. Blake and the Parliament forces against the Dutch in the Channel, but they still brag here of victory. I wish Blake had strength to stop their 400 or 500 sail now passing the Channel, which they repute invincible. They say 15 men-of-war came out with those ships, to bring 1,000 men to their fleet here. I have had much ado to get the merchant ships here and at Venice to join the service, but hope to get a dozen; and as those at Venice want an advance of three months' pay, I will furnish them with it. I have had more occasion to use my credit in supplying the wants of the State's ships than ever I had for the merchants' ships, and therefore hope my bills will be paid, as discredit is the ruin of a merchant.

Since Capt. Badiley has had the sole command of the ships here, Nath. Reading has vanished, as his command then ceased. I wish he had not brought Capt. Appleton into inconvenience, by binding him not to molest the enemy that besieged him; this gives motion to all the Duke's demands.

That act of the Dane has been most treacherous. I wish Parliament would close with the Swede. The ransom for Matthew Hoult, shipwright, captive in Tripoly, is 350 dollars, but they may all be redeemed at 250 dollars a man, one with the other; there are 60 English captives there, besides five or six masters and merchants of ships who are not within the agreement, having cut their own ransoms with the Turks, and some of them for above 1,000 dollars. [1¾ *pages.*]

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Levant Company to Morgan Read, Leghorn. We have incessantly solicited the Council of State for release of our ships, and with such importunity as procured a vote for a strong convoy to be despatched hence for conducting them home in safety; they might have been ere this on their way thither, but for the disturbance made here by the Hollanders, which for the present has not only put an obstruction to that design, but it seems our State has thereupon entertained our ships there into their service, which has caused us to compound the business with the owners of the ships here, in the best manner we could, to avoid the charge of demurrage or other pretence, as you may observe by a copy of the agreement enclosed, the contents whereof you are to communicate to the masters and factors, so that all future contests may be avoided. As for the goods in Capt. Cardie's ship, taken by our State's man-of-war, they have been released, to the content of the Great Duke, to whom our State will give no just offence. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 202.]

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1. Mr. Gurdon and Mr. Scott to be a Committee to confer with a person giving information of a trunk of money passing towards the sea.

2. To write to Peter Whetcombe, justice of peace for Essex, that there was stay made of a great iron chest passing to Yarmouth, which may be some bars of silver, which have been conveyed from the ships lately come from Spain, now under seizure in the Thames, and to desire him, with the justice of the peace next to Chelmsford, to order the breaking open of the chest, to oversee the doing of it, and if there be any gold or silver or other valuables within it, to take an exact account; and after the search, to seal up the chest, and keep it till further order, and to give a full account to Council of the whole business.

3. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider Mr. Longland's letter from Pisa, directed to Col. Thompson, and dated the 14th.

4. The petition of M. St. Thomas, agent for the Count d'Augnion, referred to the Admiralty Committee, who are to examine his allegations, and report.

5–7. The Triumph, Vanguard, Victory, Lyon, Convertine, Dragon, and Princess Maria, to be sent to Chatham to be graved, and all speed to be used in fitting them out to sea; the Admiralty Commissioners to order the Navy Commissioners to carry out this order, and to hasten out the Rainbow, George, and Unicorn; also the said Commissioners to use all possible means to fit out for sea the ships named in the list sent by them to Council this afternoon. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **66.**]

9. Lieut.-Col. MacLewd's petition, for leave to return to his family in Scotland, laid aside.

10. Thos. Friend, prisoner in Walmer Castle, to be allowed 4*d.* a day from the prize office, for his subsistence until he be set at liberty, and 10*l.* to be paid to Richard Webster, sutler of the castle, for sums disbursed for him.

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12. The petition of Wm. Claiborne laid aside, Council having no power to act therein.

13. Thos. Preistley appointed door-keeper to the Scotch and Irish Committee, at the salary of 2*s.* a day.

14. To write the Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prizes to deliver the prize ship St. Sebastian, now at Portsmouth, to Richard Alford, in lieu of his ship the George, which was dismantled and sunk off the northern coast, for the better manning of some Dutch prizes there taken.

15. A protection to be granted to the fishermen of Dieppe to fish on the coast of Sussex, without disturbance by men-of-war or privateers.

17. Protection to be granted to the St. John of Dieppe, according to the petition of Capt. James Gobert, &c., on his giving such security to the Admiralty Judges as they shall direct after conferring with the Guinea Company, that they do no wrong to that company, nor to any other English people.

19. 50*l.* to be paid to Thos. Newbery, deputy storekeeper at Portsmouth, for salary for the last year, and 20*l.* more for a careful assistant; the whole 70*l.* to be allowed him during these extraordinary occasions, and a letter to be written to the Navy Commissioners, to order him constant pay accordingly.

21. 9*l.* to be repaid to the Lieutenant of the Tower, for his disbursements for Scotch prisoners, from 12 Aug. to 3 Nov. 1652, according to the allowance of 5*s.* a week each. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 157–161.]

Dec. 28. Council of State to the Commissioners of Customs. Jas. Fowler of Inverness petitions that in July last, he laded on the Dolphin of London, 48 packs of skins; that the ship was taken in her passage by Van Tromp's fleet, and carried to Shetland, where her hull was broken up for fuel, and the skins carried to Flushing, made prize, and sold, but he bought 27 of the packs, and has had them brought to Dunkirk. You are to allow him to import them, being 5,500 goats and goaterells, 400 dozen kids, and 400 dozen slinks. [*I.* 68, *p.* 162.]

Dec. 28. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE DEPUTIES FROM SCOTLAND. Day's Proceedings.

3. The deputies called in and debate resumed; they insist on their former offer as to rules for apportioning the number of members, as the most satisfactory to the people of Scotland, and that which they were directed to offer by the third article of the tender of Union.

4. As the number of those in England has been 500 without the House of Lords, and is now reduced to 400,—the proportion in Scotland without Lords being 120—the deputies think that 60 should be the number, but submit the whole debate to the Committee, to be reported to Parliament for their settlement of the number thereupon.

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5. The deputies request that the Bill for confiscation and general pardon may be communicated to them before it pass.

6. Order that this be considered, and conference had with the deputies thereon on Thursday. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 43–45.]

Dec. 28. Committee to confer with the Scotch deputies to the Commissioners for confiscated lands in Scotland. We send you the pleasure of Parliament for advancing a second three months' pay for the deputies sent from Scotland. Take care that the money be returned to the deputies forthwith, by bill of exchange or otherwise. [*I.* 138, *p.* 43.]

Dec. 29. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Wm. Masham to be chairman of this Committee for a month.

4. Mr. Thurloe to inquire further about furnishing masts from Scotland, sending for such persons as he thinks fit, and to report on Friday. Also to inquire after able artificers to be employed thereon to Scotland, and to offer their names.

5. The Muscovy Company's petition to be considered on Monday, and the company to bring to this Committee their answer to what was this morning offered them, in relation to their proposal. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 23, 24.]

Dec. 29. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lord Chief Justice Rolle to be President of Council till this day month.

2–6. The petitions of Priscilla, relict of Ralph Prettie; of Michael Mel, merchant of Dieppe; of Anne Turner, widow; of Margaret Ranson, widow; and of Anne Hollister, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

7. Blank pass granted to come to England, to make a proposal concerning raising a sum of money.

9. The orders made by Council concerning the time of Mr. Cooke's commitment to be looked out, and brought to Council speedily.

10. The Admiralty Commissioners to make use of the letter from Mr. Willoughby, one of the Navy Commissioners at Portsmouth, dated Dec. 27th, as they see cause. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **67.**]

11. To order the Governor of Portsmouth and Mr. Willoughby to examine the selling of the gold mentioned in his letter of the 27th, by a seaman to a goldsmith at Portsmouth, and to inquire into the manner of the sale, and the price for which it was sold, and return the examinations to Council.

12. The papers from the Portuguese Ambassador to the Committee appointed to treat with him referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, who are to have them translated, and to consider what should be done further in the whole affair.

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13. Col. Wauton to move Parliament to consider a speedy supply of money for paying off several ships already come in, and divers others which are expected, there being no ready money as yet for them.

14, 15. Note that Commissioners were appointed to treat with the public minister of the King of France, and Fleming is to inform him that Parliament has desired Council to answer his paper, and that Council has ordered a Committee to meet him at the usual place at Whitehall to-morrow at 4 p.m.; Fleming to conduct him to the meeting.

16. Note that the committee appointed to meet the public minister of the King of Spain are the same that treated with the Portuguese Ambassador, viz., Lords Comrs. Lisle and Whitelock, Mr. Scott, Sir Henry Vane, Mr. Bond, Col. Purefoy, Sir Wm. Masham, Col. Sidney, Mr. Strickland, Alderman Allein, and Sir John Trevor. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 164–166.]

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Algiers.

68. Edm. Casson? to the Navy Committee, Treasury Chamber, Westminster. I sent an account of the disbursements for the consul and myself in my last, and I still continue to pay them, but desire a remittance, as I know not where to provide any more money. I desire you will pay Wm. Cockayne and Co. 692 dollars, proceeds of gumlack sold for him, and Alderman Saml. Moyer 80 dollars, which I have charged upon you to defray the before-mentioned expenses. Wm. Roberts of Limehouse, and Geo. Milburne of Newcastle have been delivered to us. Particulars of prizes brought in.—21 December, with P.S. 29 December.—Details of other prizes taken, on which were five Englishmen sent home, and another, Wm. Harwood of Lowestoft, delivered to us. [172 *pages.*]

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Algiers.

69. Humfry Oneby to the Navy Committee, Treasury Chambers, Westminster. Thanks for the 300*l.* received by Thos. Briggs on account of my salary. I hope you will continue mindful of me, that I may have means for my subsistence in this uncomfortable place. As I was bred a merchant and not a lawyer, I was unable to draw a power of attorney for Mr. Briggs, but hope his acquittance will be deemed sufficient.

Many of the ships here have been at sea, and taken a Flemish hoy bound for St. Lucar, with 120 bales of linen and other goods of value; a Biskiner, with 60 tons of iron; a Portuguese for Brazil with oil, &c.; 105 poor fishermen belonging to the Canary Islands; a small Frenchman with oil, figs, and almonds; a small English ship with pilchards, which was retaken from the Hollanders, who had put the Englishmen on shore in Portugal. There were two, however, brought in with the prizes, but they were delivered up to us by order of the Duana, so that at present we have good quarter with these people, which it is hoped may continue. [¾ *page.*]

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St. Malo.

70. Rob. Pickering and six others to Wm. Pyme. We want help in our daily disbursements towards the relief of our countrymen, turned ashore by the Fleming, penniless, who flock here, as to

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the chief port, to get a passage home. We cannot let them starve in the streets, and they cost us from 5*l.* to 7*l.* a week; it will grow daily worse, as the number of English here are few, and only a part will assist, so that the burden will be insupportable, unless we have at least 200*l.* a year allowed out of the customs of Exeter or some other port where we trade. Without this we cannot relieve the men, and they must serve the King of France, or perhaps the Hollander.

Our trade here grows inconsiderable, being brought almost all into Frenchmen's hands. Londoners and others employ Frenchmen, who, under the notion of doing business as factors for English, send over great quantities of goods as English, which pay no foreign customs, a matter of great concern. Pray petition for us in this case, and we doubt not your success. [1 *page.* 7 *signatures.*]

Dec. 30. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the letter from Capt. Cox of November 30.

2. Further liberty of three months to be granted to Richard Hill, who was under restraint for forging debentures.

3. The petition of Wm. Barker, Edward Bushell, &c., referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

4. Also that of the company of the Hercules; the Committee to examine the conduct of the captain and sailors, at the time she was taken by the Dutch.

5. Col. Norton, Sir Wm. Masham, and Sir John Bouchier added to the Admiralty Committee.

6. That Committee to consider the letter of Capt. Thos. Sparling, from aboard the Little President frigate. [*Also Vol. XXVI., No.* **70.**]

7. Also to consider and report on the Mayor of Dover's letter of the 27th, and his account concerning the maimed soldiers.

8–9. An Ambassador to be sent from the commonwealth to Sweden, and Sir Hy. Vane to report to Parliament that Viscount Lisle is the person whom Council thinks fit to be sent, in pursuance of their order.

10. The letter from Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, Governor of Dover Castle, with the bonds of Timothy Tiddeman, Robert Bolt, and Laurence Sawyer, of Dover, therein enclosed, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs; Sir David Watkins and Mr. Manwaring to attend them to-morrow thereon.

11. The Admiralty Commissioners to be empowered to sell or dispose of, to the best advantage, the timber exempted from the sale of the late King's lands, for the uses expressed in the 16th instruction given to Council.

12. To write to Capt. Hatsell to inquire of the condition of Simon Jansen, of Copenhagen, and his mariners, whose ship was made stay of at Plymouth, and if they be in want, to make him an allowance from the money due to him for freight, for the sustenance of his crew, till further order.

19. Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth to certify to Council the value

of the deals, tar, &c., taken from the Justice of Copenhagen, and to allow somewhat out of the price thereof for the sustenance of the master and crew, till further order. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 168–172.]

Dec. 30. Council of State to the Customs' officers at Gravesend and the Governor of Tilbury Fort. Council having found it meet, for weighty reasons, to lay an embargo on all merchant ships and other vessels, English or foreign, for 14 days, you are to cause it to be duly executed, and permit no vessel to pass out of the Thames without special license from Council, except coasters carrying provisions to other parts of England, and vessels sent by the State, laden with victuals or provisions for Scotland and Ireland.

With note of like letters to the Generals of the fleet, and to the Commissioners of Customs. [*I.* 68, *p.* 173.]

Dec. 31. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order, on the letter and bond sent by the Governor of Dover, that the sending over the mail by French and Flemish barks cannot at present be prevented, as English vessels will not, in this time of danger at sea, adventure on that service.

2. Order, on the complaint about Warner, a disaffected person, employed at Dover by Sir David Watkins,—Sir David saying that Warner was taken going over seas in a packet boat two months since, whereupon he discharged him, and has refused, though solicited, to employ him since; and that he does not believe Warner is on any service there on his account, but for the more certainty, will write down by to-night's post to discharge him in case he be;—that a letter be written to the Governor of Dover, informing him of Sir David's answer, and desiring him to take care that Warner be not employed in that affair.

3. Order as to the forms of bonds taken by the master of the packet boat, hackney men, and victuallers, for bringing all persons that land or come to be exported to the Governor of Dover or the appointed Commissioners, to be examined,—concerning the continuance of which custom Lieut.-Col. Kelsey desires orders—that Council should write to Kelsey to continue it, and see it put in execution.

4. The complaint of the irregular taking of post horses by strangers that come thither would be more properly considered when the business of the post offices is settled.

5. Order, on the proposal for Commissioners to examine persons that land, or come to ship themselves beyond seas at other places as well as Dover, that Council should write to Kelsey to nominate two Commissioners for each place where he thinks fit to have them.

6. That as to [John] Manwaring, whose office is to attend at the water side to examine persons that are to ship themselves, the Committee have ordered him to attend them.

7. Summons to Manwaring accordingly.

8. Order, on the petition of M. Augier, for payment of moneys due for his service in France,—the debt being liquidated by the

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trustees (*sic*) and referred by special order of Parliament to the Revenue Committee for payment,—that the case is more proper for the cognizance of the Revenue Committee. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 25–28.]

Dec. 31. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Jean Herault, of Jersey, referred to the Customs' Commissioners to do according to law.

2. The Lieutenant of the Tower to be informed that it was not intended by the late order of Council for the remanding of prisoners that the Earl of Leven should be remanded.

3. The petition of such of the Lord General's regiment as served aboard the Pelican last summer recommended to the Army Commissioners.

4. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the letter from Mr. Atwood and Mr. Whetcombe, dated Chelmsford, the 30th.

6, 7. Mr. Rhetorford and Mr. Crow, inhabitants of Dover, to be sent for to answer charges against them before a Committee of Council, and Mr. Scott and Mr. Strickland to be the Committee.

8. The Admiralty Committee to consider the examination taken concerning the Hercules.

9, 10. The paper and map delivered in by Capt. Limmerie referred to the Admiralty Committee, and he is to attend to give them an account of his proceedings in pursuance of the orders of Council. [*Also Vol. XXVI., Nos.* **72, 73.**]

12. To declare to Mr. Knapp, owner of the house in Wallingford Castle, that there is no further need of his house for the service.

13, 15–17. The petitions of John Hindy; of the seamen late of the Garland; of Anne, widow of Capt. Robert Batten, late of the Garland; and of Thos. Ladd, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

14. The orders concerning the transporting of wood to Jersey to be brought to Council on Tuesday, when that business will be considered.

18. The Admiralty Committee to order a convenient ship for transport of Henry Stuart, third son of the late King, with four servants and necessaries, from the Isle of Wight to Dunkirk or Ostend. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 174–176.]

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Carisbrook Castle.

74. Henry Duke of Gloucester to Mr. Lovell. You write me that you want authority under my hand to receive what money may be allowed for my journey. This is to give you full power to propose and answer what you think expedient on my behalf, to receive whatever moneys are granted me by Parliament or the Council of State, and to provide things necessary for my journey, according to your judgment. I write this myself, and sign and seal it in presence of sufficient witnesses. Signed, Henry Gloucester; attested by Col. Wm. Sydenham and Sir Ant. Mildmay. [1 *page.*]

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75. Remonstrance of Jacob Jacobson, master of the Stillyard of Hamburg, to Parliament. The city of Lubec, chief of the Hanse Towns, send their letters to you, and have commanded me to thank you for

your friendship towards them when their merchant ships and men have been met at sea by the general of your fleet, whose courtesy the said city highly esteem, and is assured thereby that your benevolence towards them, in keeping up the ancient correspondence, as granted to their late Resident, Sir Leo Ab Aitzema, will remain unalterable.

The said city still is now constrained to intimate that of late they have had very sad complaints from their merchants and shippers, that, notwithstanding some of their ships produced their heretofore allowed passes and certificates, they were stayed and brought up by some captains, who took their goods, and after a long detention, remitted them to the Admiralty Court, to their great loss; and as the continuance thereof will tend to their utter ruin, by frustrating further trade and navigation, they have implored some favourable intercessions.

The said city of Lubec therefore, considering that no offence has been wilfully given to your commonwealth, nor anything done to bring this offence to pass, impart their intercessional letters to you, hoping that what is desired for their merchants will be granted, the which, with all officiousness, in honour to the Parliament and the English nation, they will always study to deserve; and to this end the city has commanded me to solicit your favourable answer and resolution, reserving to themselves the power to give you further satisfaction in anything that shall be counted amiss. Endorsed with note of reference to the Council of State. [1¾ *pages.*]

Dec. ? **76.** Certificate of the Admiralty Judges to Parliament, on their order to peruse the acts made by the Admiralty Court concerning the seizure of the ships St. Salvador and St. George of Hamburg, and the Samson of Lubec, as also their lading, and to state the whole matter of fact thereupon, as it stands in their court; also to consider the reasons given by the Spanish Ambassador against their proceedings, as being injurious and against the law and practice of nations.

That it was alleged in November 1652, that the Samson and Salvador belonged to subjects of the King of Spain, and the Ambassador complains that the Admiralty Court, instead of ordering the takers to prove them enemy's goods, order the Spaniards to prove the contrary, which is against law, they being in possession. Arguments on both sides. Presumptions that the goods are Hollanders', because the States gave particular order for them to be protected against the English, which were needless had they been from Spain, with which there is free trade and no war. The rule is that neutral powers are to be impartial, and not colour the goods of nations in hostility. Any silver or goods of the Hollanders, though laden in ships of Spain, Flanders, or Hamburg, are prize. [9¼ *pages, unfinished.*]

Dec. ? **77.** Draft of the first portion of the above. [1 *page.*]

Dec. ? **78.** List of 38 State's ships with 5,250 men, and 22 merchant ships with 1,350, which will be ready to sail by Jan. 14, 1653; also of 18 State's ships, 3,380 men, and 5 merchant ships 500, which

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will be ready by 14 Feb., and of 17 State's ships to the westward, 2,230 men, and 2 merchant ships, 190, which may be used for this winter's and next summer's guard. With note of 13 others, 3,600 men, those in Ireland and Scotland not included; 40 merchant ships will be wanting to make up the men to the 2,200 appointed for the summer guard. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. **79.** Petition of Edward Earl of Worcester, prisoner in the Tower, to the Council of State, for a grant of such concealed debts as are not yet discovered or recovered by the State, for satisfaction of some crying engagements, for want whereof certain persons will be ruined and himself utterly disgraced. Begs maintenance for himself, wife, and family; his brewer, baker, and cook call on him; his keeper has not received a penny for lodgings or fee. His audit roll of 1646 taken with him surpassed 27,000*l.*, all of which, with his then estate during his father's life, ironworks, and woods, amounting to 4,000*l.* a year, is sold, and only some impropriations and tithes remain. Begs a grant of these, in consideration of his voluntary coming in, his ingenious answer, and submissive compliance, and, most of all, their noble dispositions. [1 *page.*]

Dec. ? **80.** Petition of Margaret Countess of Worcester to Parliament, for consideration of her deplorable condition, and for the one-fifth of the family estate. Was married to the Earl in 1639, her portion being 20,000*l.*,and is in great misery and want, having only received 400*l.* out of the estate during six years, so that but for the charity of friends, she might perish. Noted: "She is not the mother of the young Lord Herbert." [1 *page. See Composition Tables,* 21 *February* 1650.]

[Dec.] **81.** Petition of Thos. Lambe, Nath. Manton, and Thos. Papillon, for the English merchants at Morlaix, to the Council of State. A petition was some while ago sent over by the merchants, declaring their large disbursements for relief of English mariners, but through the exigencies of business it was not prosecuted. They now write that by reason of pirates lately set forth from Brest, who have taken several English ships, they have more than 100 men on their hands, and more coming daily, who without succour would be forced to return to Brest, and serve those thieves to get bread. They annex their former petition, and beg orders for their reimbursement and a course for future supply, that the seamen may be encouraged in the service, and the merchants not suffer for their good affection and charity. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

81. I. *Petition of Hen. Godsall and* 16 *other English factors residing in Morlaix, to the Council of State. Being in a place so convenient for landing from Scilly, before it was reduced to Parliament's obedience, and near Brest, whither sundry English vessels have been lately brought, and pass for prizes, under a pretended power from the Duke of York, we have had to relieve those English who, naked, destitute, and some wounded, have repaired hither for a*

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passage to England, and come to us for succour. There have been sometimes 80 *at once, and long detained by contrary winds. We have spent* 800*l. upon them, preserving the lives of many, and enabling others who have quitted the enemy's service to return to England, hoping for more peaceable times. But now in this war with Holland, we fear there will be many more, as some taken have already come hither.*

We beg reimbursement of our advances out of the Argeir duty, and some establishment in future. [1 *sheet,* 17 *signatures, including all those named in the next paper.*]

81. II. *Extract of a letter from Morlaix. We renew our request about the poor men taken at Brest. Five English prizes have been brought in the last* 12 *days, four Newfoundlanders and one of London; two others were going for England from France and Biscay. There are now here* 70 *or* 80 *poor men ready to starve in the streets, and the Bretons beat them like dogs, instead of giving them a morsel of bread. We English in this town are quite tired out, having had more trouble with them than with our own business these last four years, and spent* 15,000 *livres in their support. They come from Brest with scarce a shirt or a shoe. Pray get some relief for them, and reimbursement for us from the Council of State or authorised power, or they will be forced for a livelihood to serve the enemy against their own friends and consciences. With note by N. M.* [*Nath. Manton ?*] *that if Wm. Barfote, Edw. Wheeler, Mich. Godfry, and Step. Procter, merchants in Morlaix, were deputed by the State, and paid their former disbursements, they would see that when a prize came into Brest, the poor men should be relieved, and not forced to serve the enemy or perish, but they would expect a stock of* 200*l.—Morlaix,* 15 *December.* [1 *page.*]

1652 ? **82.** Petition of Nath. Hawes & Co. to the Council of State for despatch of their cause, after seven years' delay; for a summons to the Spaniards and their proctor to appear at a day of hearing, and for judges to be added in place of those dead. Mainwaring, Hawes, Payne, & Co. (being 30 persons, merchants, seamen, and their widows and orphans) interested in the Elizabeth, spoiled by the Spaniards, petitioned for letters of reprisal to be stated on 50,000*l.* in Parliament's hands, proceeds of the plate and merchandise on the Sta. Clara, arrested by petitioners at Southampton, in a civil action.

A speedy hearing by the delegates was ordered last January, but the Spaniards interpose delays and will not appear, though often called for, so that the case is like to be postponed till next term, whereby many of petitioners are prisoners, and ruined, though of good estates, and disabled to serve the State. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

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82. I. *Opinion of the Admiralty Judges in the case of Huet Leate, that the change of Government here does not necessitate another demand for justice to be made from the King of Spain,—one having been made by the late King—before letters of reprisal can be granted for depredations made by the Spaniard.*—23 *July* 1651. [1 *page.*]

83. Petition of Hen. Newman to the Council of State for a messenger's place, or some means of subsistence. Served the commonwealth since 1642, with expense of his estate and hazard of life. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

83. I. *Certificates by Col. Alex. Popham, Sir Thos. Fairfax, Sir Wm. Waller, and others, to his services at Bristol, Taunton, &c. as soldier and intelligencer.* [1 *page.*]

84. Petition of Capt. Wm. Yonger to the Admiralty Committee for reference to the Customs' Commissioners to pay him the portage due to him as master of the Eagle to the Canaries, in 1648. Could not obtain it because of the change of Commissioners, and having since been commander of the Tenth Whelp, and in other services, could not seek after the portage till now. [⅔ *pages.*]

85. Petition of Wm. Rowland, M.A., to Lord General Cromwell, for a month's pay due from his last muster, having long been sick of a disease which he took at Dundee, and being brought to extreme weakness and poverty. Was promised encouragement on presenting to him a book of the astrologers, but has forborne troubling him on account of his weighty business. Can prove that there is in London a magic lecture, and that they sacrifice to the Devil; one who was present, being pricked in conscience, confessed this to a minister. Will prove this if encouraged, desiring liberty for tender consciences, but the downfall of the Church of Rome, and that paganism may not be set up in the Lord's dominions. [1 *page.*]

86. Petition of William Pennoyer and Peter Andrewes, merchants of London, to Parliament, to be allowed to sell a portion of the tobacco which has been brought against their direction in their ship, the William of London, from St. Christopher's to Londonderry, they paying the usual Customs, and to bring the remainder to London. [½ *page.*]

87. Report on the condition of the Mint in the Tower. The moneyers are a corporation of 50 or 60; make and sheer the money, and are allowed 2*s.* a pound troy on gold, and 1*s.* 8*d.* on silver.

The ministers are the inferior officers and labourers. Moneyers and ministers are to be ready—on pain of losing their franchise and being imprisoned—when required by the warden, master, and controller. They have their franchises, with covenants as to duties, salaries, and allowances, by indenture between the keepers of the liberty of England, and Dr. Aaron Gourdain, Master of the Mint.

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Warden, Dr. John St. John, salary 100*l.* Particulars of his allowances and duties.

Warden's clerk, Wm. Parmer, salary 20*l.*

Master worker, Dr. Aaron Gourdain, salary 400*l.*; it should be worth 1,500*l.* now when he is melter also, but lately Sir John Wollaston has been melter. Duties of the master—

		£	s.	d.
Controller, Thos Barnardiston -	salary	66	13	4
Controller's clerk, John Bratle	"	13	6	8
Assay master, Sam. Bartlet	"	66	13	4
Assay master's clerk, John Bratle -	"	10	0	0
Two auditors, Mr. Beal, and Scot	"	40	0	0
Tellers or weighers, Capt. Hen. Dumoresq, now absent - - -	"	33	6	8
Tellers' or weighers' clerk -	"	10	0	0
Clerk of the irons, Rich. Pight	"	13	6	8
Surveyor of the moulting house	"	20	13	0
Surveyor's clerk	"	10	0	0
Graver of the irons, Thos. Simons -	"	30	0	0
Under assayer, John Reynolds -	"	40	0	0
Under graver, Nich. Burgh	"	40	0	0
Sinkers of the irons, John Bratle	"	20	0	0
Smith, Thos. Hodgkins -	"	10	0	0
Porter, Rich. Mathews - -	"	10	0	0
Parson of the chapel for tithes -	"	0	13	4
Clerks for keeping the books, &c., John Reynolds and Jas. Wood -	"		—	
Sexton of the chapel	"	2	12	0

If bullion were ready, the Mint would be set to work at two days' warning, but there is a want of officers, some having two employments, and we cannot find fit persons to propose.

As to the bullion, faithful persons should take the weight of the bars, cases, and bags, and assay them, and the marks should be kept sealed up. Some of the bullion, being coined money and small ingots and silver sugar loaves, should be melted. For present coinage, there should be a good melter, assistant assay master, and surveyor of the melting house. [4¼ *pages.*]

88. Reasons why the conveying bullion to the Mint is honourable and profitable. That sundry statutes from 25 Edw. III. to 4 Hen. VII., and orders in 1647 and 1648 are against the buying and selling above Mint price. The State gains benefit by the coinage, export is much prevented, and the buyers and sellers above Mint prices are rendered inexcusable. [⅔ *page.*]

89. Report of Drs. Wm. Clerk, Thos. Exton, Wm. Stephens, and W. Walker, Admiralty Judges and Judge Advocate, to the Admiralty Committee, on a reference as to whether there is any cause for the detention of five Dutch ships and one Lubecker, taken by Capt. Penn coming from Lisbon. We find, by information obtained from

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the Collectors of Prize Goods, and a letter from Mr. Harvey, secretary to General Blake, with several examinations annexed, that four of the ships, viz., the Salvador of Lubec, the Three Golden Herrings of Rotterdam, the Golden Kutsche of Horn, and the Hope of Amsterdam, were sent by their owners laden to Lisbon, where they discharged their goods, and then came laden home ; there is therefore no just cause why they should be detained, and they ought to be discharged by the Admiralty Court, but without any damages being paid, on the ground that coming from Lisbon, there was just cause to detain them, to see whether they had Portuguese goods. With regard to the other two, viz., the Prince of Amsterdam and the Peter of Horne, there is some suspicion, for the masters alleged they did not know to whom their lading belonged, and referred to the ships' papers ; as those papers have not been sent up, there is cause for detention until they are sent. [1 *page.*]

90. Case of Robinson and Rutts. By a warrant of the Admiralty Court in 1651, 100 butts of caveare on board the Swallow in the Downs were arrested, at the suit of John Dickons, Job Throckmorton, and other merchants of London. Those butts were brought from Archangel on account of the said merchants, and yet, by a false colour, claimed by John Osborne and David Rutts, and they and Taylor, master of the ship, whom they forced to give colourable bills of lading to them, were cited into the Admiralty Court thereon.

The Court *concurrentibus his quæ in jure requiruntur* decreed the possession to Dickons, Throckmorton, & Co., who employed John Robinson, merchant, to take possession. He thereupon removed them to another ship, and sent them away, and they were never landed in England.

Subsequently the Admiralty Court, having to hear the case, sent letters requisitory to the magistrates and courts of justice at Venice and Amsterdam, to summon Rutts and his factors, residing there, to appear by their proctors and agents, and propound their defence, and see the matter finally adjudged in the Admiralty Court in England, which letters were allowed as conformable to the law of nations, and were executed by those magistrates.

Rutts, fearing the judicatory, declined to appear, and (as with a side wind willing to surprise the English merchants) arrested some of their goods at Venice, upon an action wherein he made himself plaintiff touching the said caveare.

The Admiralty Court then remonstrated over to Venice that, the suit in the Admiralty—being both upon the possessory and petitiory, and comprehending the whole matter—was a bar to all suits for the said caveare in all courts and places, and that by the law of nations, they ought not to admit Rutts or his party to sue there for them, but to allow the *litis pendentiæ* and judgment in the Admiralty Court as a final bar, and no remedy against it but an appeal.

The Council of State being in favour of the merchants, and for conservation of the honour of the Admiralty, wrote to the Duke and

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Senate of Venice, certifying these proceedings, and prayed a discharge of the action there, and a remission of the whole matter to the Admiralty of England. The court at Venice allowed the plea as good, and discharged the suit there, remitting Rutts and his party to the Admiralty of England, and he was then remediless in all places abroad.

Rutts at last entered an action of trover at common law against Robinson for the 100 butts of caveare here, and although Robinson did nothing but by the decree and execution of the Admiralty Court, and that upon the high seas, and although a monition went from the Admiralty Court to the attorney to forbear proceedings, stating the whole facts as above, the court at law has granted a prohibition for the attorney to the Court of Admiralty.

This is the more strange for that, in a case of lading in a ship upon the high seas, and never brought on shore to England, the common law was never founded in jurisdiction, but the cognizance was always to the Admiralty. If the judgment of that court by the law of nations be so strong as to bar proceedings for the same matter at Venice and Amsterdam, it is very strange it should not bar all further proceedings in our other courts at law here at home. [1 *page.*]

91. Survey of the Scilly Islands, co. Cornwall, belonging to the late King, made by virtue of a commission granted by the Trustees appointed for sale of the lands, &c. of the late King, Queen, and Prince; giving the names of the several tenants, amount of rent paid, and particulars of the claim of Francis and Sir Wm. Godolphin and John St. Aubin thereto. [50 *sheets, imperfect.*]

92. Account of carriages, ammunition, and artificers' tools to be added to the list for the train of artillery, for six guns. [1 *page.*]

93. Note that the Earl of Rutland had a judgment in the Upper Bench, in Hilary Term 1649, against Wm. Heyward, Jonas Croosegill, and Jno. Spragg, for digging and getting lead ore without his consent, in his lordship of Nether Haddon, co. Derby, and a writ to inquire of damages was issued to the sheriff of co. Derby, whereupon a jury found 10*l.* damages and 4*l.* costs, and execution was awarded against defendants. The sheriff arrested Croosegill, and took him to prison, but the under-sheriff petitioned the Earl for his release, which was granted upon easy terms, and after his enlargement, he besought one of the Earl's chief agents that the execution might be renewed the following vacation against Heyward and Spragg, so that they might be arrested, and made to bear part of the charge with him. This was done at Croosegill's sole charge, and without the privity of the Earl, who is able to prove this, as also that Mr. Barton's information is maliciously untrue. [¾ *page.*]

94. Attestation of Peter Buchardt of Essex. In March 1649, passing by Ostend towards Holland to take command of a vessel for the service of the King of England, His Majesty's commission was taken from him by the Admiralty of Flanders, who refused to return it; stayed there for some time, but wanting subsistence, was

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forced to leave the country and his commission behind. The same course was used against Dirickcee in July 1651, and many others, so that His Majesty's subjects dare not go to supply their wants in the ports of Flanders. [1 *page.*]

95. Petition of Gilbert Thornbrough to the King, for the place of yeoman of the mouth and purveyor of wines. Attended His Majesty 15 years before the battle of Worcester, and has been a prisoner ever since. [¾ *page.*]

96. Commission by Charles II. to ——— to be captain of the ——— ship, with power to enter into any port or river of His Majesty's dominions, and either there or at sea to take, and in case of resistance, to sink, fire, or otherwise destroy all ships and vessels, together with their men, lading, goods, or merchandise, belonging to any place or person of His Majesty's subjects in actual rebellion against, or not in present obedience to him, and to bring all such ships, goods, or merchandise, without breaking bulk, into some port of His Majesty's dominions, or of his allies or friends, to be adjudged by the Admiralty judge there as prize, and after adjudication, to pay the 10ths and 15ths to such persons as shall have authority to receive the same; but in case it shall be necessary to carry any prize into any port where there is no Admiralty judge, then to make an inventory of all such goods, and send the same to the nearest court of Admiralty established by him, together with all invoices, charter parties, bills of lading, &c.; and after the same has been adjudged lawful prize, then to pay the 10ths and 15ths as aforesaid. [*Parchment, signed.*]

97. Similar commission by James Duke of York, Lord High Admiral of England and Ireland. [*Parchment, signed.*]

98. Statement that Dr. Hill declared in his sermon, and has since published, that when the Bible had been translated by the translators appointed, the New Testament was looked over by some prelates he could name, to bring it to speak prelatical language, and that he was informed by a great observer, that in 14 places, whereof he instanced five or six, it was corrupted by them. The like testimony was given by some other ancient and godly preachers who lived in those times, and some appearance hereof may yet be seen, in a part of that very copy of those translations.

In the original text of the Holy Scriptures, there is so great a depth that it is only by degrees there is a progress of light towards attaining perfection of knowledge in bettering the translation; hence the most learned translators have found cause again and again of revising and amending what they themselves translated, and this has been the commendable practice even of some Papists, and of sundry of the reformed religion.

It being now above 40 years since our new translation was finished, (the first being printed in 1612) divers of the heads of colleges and other learned persons who, coming later, had the advantage of standing as on the heads of the former, in their public sermons, as also in

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print, have held out to their hearers and readers that the Hebrew or Greek may be better rendered than in our translation, some of the places seeming to be very material, and crying aloud for their rectifying, if the truth be as it is affirmed by them, and in some MSS. presented to us.

The translation by H. Ainsworth of Moses, the Psalms, and the Song of Solomon, is greatly commended by the learned, as more agreeable to the Hebrew than ours; and it is said that there are MSS. of his translations of other Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testament. Also in other parts of the Scriptures, some have translated verses and chapters, and some the New and Old Testaments, and would have them printed here, which, if done without due supervision by learned persons, sound in the fundamentals of the Christian religion, might be a dangerous precedent, emboldening others to do the like, and might tend at last to bring in other Scriptures, instead of the oracles of God, and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For rectifying the former injury to the new translation, and for preventing such great inconveniences, as also for the edification of many, it is proposed that it be enacted, that no person within the dominions of England, Scotland, or Ireland shall presume to print or publish any such translation of the Bible, or of the New Testament, without approbation of Dr. John Owen, Dr. Ralph Cudworth, Mr. Jenkins, Wm. Greenhill, Saml. Slater, Wm. Cowper, Hen. Jessey, Ralph Venning, and John Row, Hebrew professor in Aberdeen, who shall be authorised to act as follows.

That they or any three of them may search wherein the last translation appears to be wronged by the prelates, printers, or others, so that it may be rectified and amended before any further printing of the Bible.

As it is our duty to endeavour to have the Bible translated in all places as accurately and as agreeable with the Hebrew and Greek as we can attain to, and to remove the stumbling blocks and offence of the weak, or the cavils of others, when they hear in sermons or in treatises that the original bears it better thus and thus;—That the persons before named shall also seriously consider the translation by H. Ainsworth, and any other translations, annotations, or observations that may be made, as also the marginal readings in our Bibles, and whether any of them ought rather to be in the line; and what they, after seriously looking up to the Lord for his assistance in so weighty a work, and advising together, shall judge to be nearest to the text, and to the mind of the Lord, they may give their approbation to, and with all convenient speed.

That Dr. Thos. Goodwin, Dr. Tuckney, and Joseph Caryll be appointed supervisors of what is so approved, and that what they approve be printed and published, for the general edification of the nation, to be read both privately and in the public congregations. [$2\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*]

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Jan. 1. **1.** Act of Parliament empowering Cornelius Holland, Dennis Bond, Francis Allein, and Jno. Downes, Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries, to issue warrants to the treasurers of the several public receipts for payment of money appointed for the use of the navy, on certificates of the Admiralty Committee. [*Copy.* 1 *page.*]

Jan. 1. **2.** Copy of the above. [*Printed,* 1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 1. **3–5.** Order in Parliament that the growing receipts of the excise, after the money charged for payment of the forces in Scotland, to 1 Jan. 1654, be appropriated to the use of the navy.

That—over and above the 100,000*l.* hereby ordered to be paid out of the money to be raised upon the additional bill for sale of lands and estates forfeited for treason to the Treasurers-at-war, to make up the pay of the armies of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and incidencies thereto, which shall be wanting in the 80,000*l.* a month allotted for that purpose out of the bill of assessments for the next 6 months; and over and above what is already charged by Parliament upon the additional bill for the stores—the whole moneys arising upon the said additional bill shall be applied to the navy and stores.

That the moneys appointed by Parliament for the navy be issued, for the year ensuing, by warrant from the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries to the Treasurer of the Navy, and the warrant of the said Commissioners and the receipt of the Treasurer be a discharge to the respective treasuries charged with any money for the navy.

That the Admiralty Committee make certificates to the Treasury Commissioners what sums are requisite for carrying on the service, and that warrants be issued by the Treasury Commissioners accordingly.

That all bills signed by the Navy Commissioners for the service of the navy shall be a sufficient warrant for the Treasurer of the Navy, for paying the same accordingly. [3 *copies.*]

Jan. 1. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Committee for Irish and Scotch Affairs to consider the account brought by Sir Gilbert Pickering of such draught horses as were, by order of Council directed to the Militia Commissioners for co. Northampton, impressed for the train of artillery marching to Worcester, to decide what damage was done, and what reparation is due to those from whom the horses were taken, and to report. [*I.* 68, *p.* 178.]

Jan. 3. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. The deposition of Mr. Violet to be considered to-morrow, Sir Sack. Crowe, Pompey Kalendrine, the Admiralty Judges, and Dr. Walker to attend.

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2. The petition of Cockerill and others referred to this day week, Col. Wauton to attend.

3. The Admiralty Judges to be requested to proceed as speedily as may be in the cases of the ships before the Admiralty Court that pretend to belong to Sweden.

4, 5. Charles Longland's letter from Pisa to Col. Thompson to be considered on Friday, with the papers of Amerigo Salvetti, agent to the Duke of Tuscany, concerning the retaking of the Phœnix frigate; also the letter from Capt. Cox from Naples, of 30 Nov., on that business.

6. The report from the Sub-committee for clothing to be heard on Wednesday. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 28–30.]

Jan. 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Col. Hugh Reily referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

2. To write to the Ordnance officers and Navy Victuallers to hasten down the provisions to the ships at Quinborow, and the victuallers to send one of their number down, to see to the victualling of each particular ship.

3. To write to the Governor of the Isle of Wight and of Portsmouth and to Mr. Willoughby, to examine the business of the taking of the ships lately come from Guinea by 2 private men-of-war, and state facts with speed.

4. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the letters and papers this day brought in from Leghorn.

5. Also to treat with some merchants concerning the returning of 20,000*l.* from Portugal, which is to be paid by that king to the commonwealth, in part of a greater sum.

6. Capt. Limbery to bring to the Admiralty Committee his charge against John Holland in writing, before Friday week, that the Committee may hasten their report.

7. Mr. Scott added to the Committee for reviewing the references made to the former Committee of Examinations.

8. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider Mr. Scott's report concerning Col. David Rosse, to speak with the Colonel about such masts and tar as may be had in Scotland, to make suitable agreements with him concerning the same, and to make such order for his restraint, enlargement, or returning home as they think fit.

9. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider what is to be done in pursuance of the order of Parliament concerning the disgarrisoning of Bristol Castle and fort and other places, and report.

11. Also to consider the state of the town and castle of Conway, and report what should be done for putting them in such a condition that no prejudice be occasioned from them to the peace of those parts.

12. The Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prize Goods to consider the request made to Council, on behalf of the Venetian Ambassador to the King of France, concerning the restitution to him of certain prize goods taken in Dutch bottoms, and to state the facts with speed.

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13. Council having perused the bills of exchange from the King of Portugal's Ambassador, and finding the terms different from those of the 4th article on which the sum was payable, Fleming is to carry the bills to him, and desire him to insert the words "that shall show commission given them by the Parliament of the commonwealth of England or Council of State," instead of "the Lords the ministers of the Parliament of the commonwealth." To prevent any differences in payment about the exchange of money, the 20,000*l.* sterling is to be valued at 42,240,000 rials Portugal money, and his Excellency is desired, in regard of the present danger of the seas, to sign 4 of the said bills.

14. Mr. Scott to communicate with the Admiralty Committee the intelligence he has received concerning the fleet.

15. The Governor of Portsmouth to give passes to the Dutch prisoners taken in the ships lately come from Guinea, to return to their country.

17. The informations concerning Capt. Browne's miscarriage in the loss of the Hercules to be sent to Dr. Walker, who is to prepare a charge, to consider how he may be brought to trial, and to give an account of what he has done to Council next Friday.

18. The Earl Marshal of the Scotch nation, prisoner in the Tower, to have the liberty lately granted him continued, notwithstanding the late order for the recommitment of all officers of that nation.

19. Col. Sidney to report to Parliament that the Ambassador of Portugal has signed and sealed the 6 preliminary articles, and that he insists that they be signed and sealed in Latin by the commonwealth, and to desire direction for the manner in which this shall be done. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 179–182.]

Jan. 3. Council of State to Customs' officers and commanders of ships. Rob. Hammond, merchant of London, petitions that having cured a good quantity of herrings in Ireland for France, he cannot send them safely by any English ship; and as there are no convoys to be had, he begs leave to land 2,000 or 3,000 barrels at Dublin or Wexford, to be sent to Nantes, Bourdeaux, or Honfleur, by the first French, Lubec, or Hamburg ship he can hire, the ship to return without molestation to any port in England or Scotland. You are to permit this accordingly. With note that this warrant was made over again 19 March, with the word lading inserted. [*I.* 68, *p.* 185.]

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Leghorn. Charles Longland to the Navy Committee. I advised you of the return of the man I sent to Venice, but the backwardness of the ships there has caused me to send Capt. Poole, who may better prevail with them; their want of employment and the occasion the State has of their service ought to hasten out the ships, besides the advance of three months' money, which I proffered them. The Dutch report that Prince Rupert is expected here to take command of their ships, and the Great Duke told me something to the same purpose; if he comes before your intended fleet, he would do much

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mischief, and easily inveigle away many of the men, who are apt to take any new impression, being weary of so long an idle life; but I shall labour with the Great Duke to prevent any inconveniences.

I went to kiss the Great Duke's hand and thank him for favours to Capt. Badiley, whom he entertained and lodged in his own palace like a general, and sent him back to Leghorn in one of his coaches with six horses. [1¾ *pages. See Vol. XXVI., No.* **64,** *p.* 58 *supra.*]

Jan. 3. **6.** Survey by Jeremy Baines, John Haddock, John Fiske, and Samuel Cottman, of Whitemead Park, Forest of Dean, St. Briavell's hundred, co. Gloucester, "late parcel of the possessions of Charles Stuart, late King of England;" made by order of the Trustees for Sale of Crown lands, 6 October 1651, perfected 3 January 1652–3. Total of acres, 159; gross value, 273*l.* 13*s.* [12 *sheets.*]

Jan. 4. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. The instructions prepared for the person to be employed as solicitor in the Admiralty Court to be considered to-morrow.

3. The letters and papers from Leghorn, and those of Amerigo Salvetti, to be considered on Friday.

4. The report made to Council about Col. Rosse, and referred to this Committee, to be considered with the business of furnishing masts from Scotland. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 30, 31.]

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3, 13. The petitions of Rebecca Walkers; and of Wm. Liddell, of Great Yarmouth, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

4. That of James Cranidge to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

5. The Admiralty Committee to consider the letter from Portsmouth to Col. Norton, dated the 1st instant.

6. Also the conferring some fit employment upon Huett Leat, according to a reference formerly made to them.

7. Mr. Scott, Mr. Say, and Mr. Love to be a Committee for examining the business of printing the *Mercurius Britannicus,* and to report.

8. The petition of Major Robt. Cobbet referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

10. Capt. Young late of the Worcester, and Capt. Taylour late of the Laurel to attend Council to-morrow.

11. Jas. Cotterel to be committed to the Gatehouse, for printing a lying pamphlet called *Mercurius Britannicus,* and a warrant to be directed to the governor to keep him.

12. Mr. Scott to apprehend and examine such persons as have printed and published scandalous books and pamphlets, contrary to the order of Parliament.

14. To represent to Parliament that many English and others daily resort to mass at the houses of Ambassadors and other foreign

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ministers, to the great dishonour of God and scandal of this Government, and to request the House to signify their disapprobation of it to the Ambassadors, &c., who have no pretence to claim a toleration of this kind.

15. To move Parliament that a reward of 10*l.* be paid to those who discover the resorters to mass, to be paid in the same manner as the reward of 10*l.* for discovering thieves.

16, 17. Mr. Gurdon to present to Parliament the Bill and proclamation prepared against priests and Papists, and to move for its speedy passing on the first opportunity.

18. The letter from the Mayor of Lynn, signifying the number of men he has pressed, to be sent to the Navy Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **7.**]

19. To answer to the petition of Henry Caarloff, commanding director of the Swedish African Company in Guinea, that Council has taken notice of the taking of the ships mentioned, and has commanded one of the State's ships to fetch him into harbour, and next Friday expects to receive an account of the fact, when they shall do what corresponds to the amity they hold with Sweden.

24. To acquaint the Army Committee that, besides the 3,000*l.* which they were desired to order to Capt. Hatsell for wheat and oats for the forces in Ireland 550*l.* more should be paid him therefor, and for the charges of its transportation, and to desire their warrant to the present Treasurers-at-war for payment.

25. To write the Governor of Dover Castle, in answer to his of the 29th, complaining of the employment by Sir David Watkins, of one Warner,—a man notoriously disaffected who was dismissed by Mr. Witherings for ill carriage,—to go over with the packet boat, that Watkins has stated to a Committee of Council that he discharged him two months ago, and that he has refused, though solicited, to re-employ him; that he believes Warner is on no service on his account, but will send down to have him discharged if he be.

As to the masters of vessels, victuallers, and hackneymen's giving security before the Governor or Commissioners for examining of all persons landed from or going aboard their vessels, and that they be not received into houses or conveyed away by horse till so examined;—Council approves the request, and desires the execution of this, and of what he propounds concerning appointing Commissioners to examine passengers at other maritime places within the liberties of the Cinque Ports, as well as at Dover. For effecting this, they desire him to send up the names of fit places for Commissioners, and of fit persons to be employed, when they will give further directions.

As to his complaint of the irregular horsing of aliens with horse and guide from other houses than the public post-houses, that will be provided against in the settling of the post offices now under consideration; or if not, will be further considered.

The last clause of his letter about John Manwaring is before a Committee. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 186–192.]

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Jan. 4. **8.** Instructions by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners.

1. For supplying necessary provisions to sick and wounded men on board, you are to allow 5*l.* for six months' service for every 100 men, by warrant of the Collectors or Commissioners for sale of Prize Goods to the clerk of the check of each ship, and order the said clerks to buy such provisions as the captain, with the advice of the surgeon, judges necessary; and to commit them to the care of the steward, to be issued out as required.

2. Upon the discharge of the sick and wounded from any ship in the service, you are to take care for payment of their tickets and conduct money.

3. You are to correspond with the mayor, bailiffs, &c. of the port towns, so that accommodation be given for the relief and cure of sick and wounded men sent on shore, giving such rules that the Treasury may be well husbanded, and charging the disbursements on the Collectors for Prize Goods.

4. You are to inquire and certify us what convenient house may be had in or near Dover, Deal, or Sandwich for the receipt of wounded men, and certify to us with your opinion.

5. You are to consider what relief should be made to the widows, children, and impotent parents of those slain in the service, having respect to their necessities and charges; to order payment to each, not exceeding 10*l.*; and when an extraordinary case requires a greater allowance, to certify us.

6. You are to inquire after hospitals for the care of sick and wounded, and to give notice to the Governors thereof of the vote of Parliament that half the places that become vacant be reserved accordingly; and to desire them to give notice monthly what places become void, and dispose of the maimed and wounded accordin gly.

7. You are to confer with the Collectors and Commissioners for Prize Goods, to settle a course how the moneys to be issued on this service may be brought into an orderly account, and certified to us monthly. [1¾ *pages.*]

Jan. 4. **9.** John North to the Earl of Kingston. Not to mention previous promises, by your letter of 19 March 1649, you wrote that if I paid my Lady-day rent within 10 days, and the like thereafter as it grew due, you would abate the rent, and that you had no desire to remove me; but although I punctually performed my part, you only allowed me 9*l.* towards the assessments, when the assessments to the soldiers for that half year amounted to 18*l.*; so that you caused me to bear in them alone as much as the profit I make of the Grange *de claro* in the whole year, my costs in manuring, husbandry, and repairs being 18*l.* more. Part of the demised premises I have never enjoyed, by reason of preceding leases made by my nephew before he sold the same, and which I was ignorant of, whereupon not half the worth in rent was reserved, he having received considerable fines beforehand, and there being seven years unexpired upon my entrance, worth 3*l.* a year. The want of this, with my charges about repairs, and your default in

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You know how adverse I was to become tenant of the Grange on the hard conditions I am bound to, and but for your courtesy about the parsonage, by abating 10*l.* a year which others paid, and promising me a lease thereof for a like term with the Grange, I had never been yoked to such a bargain, by which I knew nothing could be made, nor given you a note of hand for payment of 10*l.* a year assessments for the Grange, by which way I perceived you intended to hedge in the 10*l.* a year abated me in the parsonage; and then so soon as the first opportunity served, you took the parsonage from me, and still keep my note for the assessments for the Grange, intending to use it against me when time may serve.

Again, upon my first failing in payment of rent for the Grange, your servant, Mr. Bingham, the very next day, came with a train or foot company to the Grange, and made a re-entry, and sealed a lease of ejectment upon the ground, to kick me out of possession by law. How contrary your performances have been to your promises will be obvious to the weakest, and are unparalleled in a nobleman, which I wish you would consider, rather than any other should be judges of them; and all without any cause, except in observing your request by payment of my rent before it was due. That, or the stoppage of my assessments since, according to Acts of Parliament, are all the exceptions you can justly fix upon me. If I cannot farm anything but be forced to pay as much or more than the profit comes to, I shall account it as a courtesy to be delivered from it. The obtaining of it from me by a course of law, on my failing in payment of rent, may add some advantage to you, but is not much for your honour, when your dealing thus with a poor gentleman shall come to be published, if you enforce me thereto; although I am not unmindful of the advice the wise man gives to inferiors, not to strive with a mighty man, lest thou fall into his hands, nor with a rich man, lest on the other side he weigh thee down. I acknowledge your noble offer was far from my thoughts, and beyond my expectations; yet as you promised it, you cannot justly tax me with presumption to crave performance, never having more need of a courtesy than at present, for since I took that lease of you, I have spent and lost, by lending money and suretyship upon the Grange, above 500*l.*

I lately heard from my son that you appointed him to give me notice that if I did not remove, you would sue me to outlawry upon my bond, which but confirms the wise man in the 13th of Ecclesiastes, where he demonstrates at large the manner of the rich and

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mighty man's dealing with the poor. Your proceedings against me make me more vigilant lest I be surprised by some such mercenary fellows as you employed on the like errand formerly, but who certainly never listed as soldiers for such base services. The day I failed in payment of my rent, through the charges about the Grange, I was offered 150*l.* for the surrender of my term therein, so that all less offers weigh light. I might thus have preserved it from forfeiture in point of law, but not being willing to part with my interest, I chose to hazard it upon your nobleness and many promises and expressions of friendship, although advised to the contrary. With quotations from Socrates and other writers on the subject of promises and their performance. Endorsed copy of your letter to the Earl of Kingston taken by Harry. Mr. Kirby. Edm. Worrall, brother-in-law to Nicholson of Tickhill, in Shoemaker Row or the Greyhound Tavern, back side of Blackfriars. [7¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 5. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. The same report to be made to Council on the petition of Jas. Cranidge for a letter to the Governor of Virginia as ordered in the case of Owen Lloyd.

2. The draft of the Act on the clothing business recommitted to the Sub-committee.

4. Mr. Thurloe to speak further with Col. David Rosse on furnishing masts from Scotland, and to confer with some able ship carpenter thereon, and report on Friday. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 31, 32.]

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2. The petition of Benedict Moore and William Jessop referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to state the case and report.

4. To write the Navy Victuallers to send with speed the provisions they are to furnish for the setting out the fleet.

6. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the papers from Signor Amerigo Salvetti.

7. Mr. Love added to the Admiralty Committee.

9. The Ordnance Committee to consider the certificate of the Ordnance officers concerning decayed powder, and make a contract for its repairing.

10. To write to Lord Fairfax what has been informed concerning the Isle of Man, and to desire him to take care of its safety and good government, and of the instruction of the people.

11. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to answer the paper from the public minister of the King of France, in pursuance of an order of Parliament.

12. To write the Navy Committee enclosing what has been proposed by Mr. Ashe for the manning of the ships in the Straits, and to recommend the business to their especial care.

13. The petition of William Ashley, seaman, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

15, 16. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the furnishing of the fort newly raised upon the haven's mouth, 1½ miles

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from Yarmouth, to speak with Col. Goffe, and when they take the business up, to consider the petition of Thos. Stapelton of North Yarmouth, for the gunner's place of that fort.

19. Order,—on the report from the Irish and Scotch Committee on the petition of Rich. Browne of Pembroke, for discharge from his contract to deliver 2,000 quarters of wheat at 40*s.*, and 1,000 of oats at 13*s.* 4*d.*, in Ireland free of hazard, except the danger of the seas, he finding on his repair into the country to provide it, that prices have so risen, on account of the great supplies sent to Ireland, that it will ruin him to go through with it, though he has provided half the proportions,—that he be not discharged from his contract, but when he has completed the full proportions, Council will consider an equitable way for the last moiety. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 194–198.]

Jan. 5. Council of State to the powder makers. You have so far failed in performing of your contract for powder that a large proportion, which should have been delivered in long since, remains in your hands. You are without further delay to bring this in, and also what is due upon your new contracts at the times limited. You are not to fail at your utmost peril, the safety of the commonwealth being much concerned therein. [*I.* 68, *p.* 201.]

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10. Council of State to the Navy Commissioners. The Admiralty Committee signifying the want of able seamen, we desire you, to whom the business belongs, to use your utmost endeavours to send down to the fleet such numbers as can be procured by lawful ways, the necessity being so great, as affairs now stand, that delay will draw on many inconveniences. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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11. Council of State to the Navy Commissioners. The officers and crew of the Anthony Bonadventure petition for wages and allowance for losses at her taking. As they made a stout and honourable defence, they should have their wages, those landed in England a fortnight's pay, and those in Holland or Zealand six weeks' pay over, and you are to issue your warrant to the Navy Treasurer accordingly. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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1. The petition of William Billers, clerk of deliveries in the Ordnance office, referred to the Ordnance Committee.

2. Col. Sidney to report to Parliament the answer now read to the paper given to Parliament by the minister of the King of France.

3. The petition of Edward Rigby referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to hear both the petitioner and the person complained of, and report.

5. To acquaint the Governors of Jersey and Guernsey with the information given by John le Grosse, and desire them to take special care of the safety of those places.

6. Sir Arthur Hesilrigge to report to Parliament what Mr. Corbett was to report last year, and the petition of Alexander Green, of Manchester, on the same subject to be presented.

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7. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare instructions for Viscount Lisle, who is to be sent Ambassador to Sweden.

8. The Victuallers of the Navy and Ald. Allein to attend the Admiralty Committee at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

11. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare a signification to be sent to Ambassadors and foreign ministers, in pursuance of an order of Parliament of the 5th instant, concerning the not permitting the people to attend mass in their houses, and to report.

12. That Committee to prepare an answer to two letters from Jacobus Duke of Courland, in pursuance of an order of Parliament, and report.

13. Also an answer to the letter of the Archduke Leopold, in pursuance of an order of Parliament of the 5th instant.

14. Sir Hen. Mildmay, Mr. Challoner, and Mr. Scott, to be a Committee to examine the charge against the Marshal-General, by petition of Matthew Clyd, and report.

15. William Clyd, Scotchman, lately released from prison on bail, to have the same continued on the former security till further orders, notwithstanding the general order for remanding to prison all Scotch ministers and officers. The Marshal-General and others to take notice thereof. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 202–204.]

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12. Council of State to the Admiralty Commissioners [at Chatham]. We have received the accounts you sent about the graving of ships, and find there is some doubt whether they will be despatched this spring tide. We have written the victuallers to quicken the provisions, and enclose their answer, as Ald. Allein says you have given such orders that there is no cause for them to write in that manner. However we have sent for them to be here to-morrow. The Navy Commissioners give us good hopes of men. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

12. I. *Navy Commissioners to the Council of State. We are using our best endeavours to obtain men for the fleet; they come in cheerfully and in great numbers, since publication of the late encouragements to them by the Parliament; we hope it will not be long before the fleet is fully manned.—Navy Office, January 6th,* 1653. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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13. Petition of Thomas Arkinstall, master attendant, to the Admiralty Committee, for an order to the Treasurer of the Navy to pay his sea and harbour allowance when last employed under General Blake. Has been always paid before when sent to sea by the generals, and has spent a large sum in travelling from ship to ship and place to place, and hazarded his life in two engagements last summer, but now the Treasurer says the Navy Committee have forbidden his payment. Noted to be conferred upon with the Navy Treasurer. [1 *page.*]

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The Leopard, Leghorn Mould.

14. Capt. Rich. Badiley to the [Navy Committee]. The Elizabeth and Constant Warwick, being near Naples last week, met a Dutch ship of 26 guns, the Red Cross of Horne, and after a short dispute took her, but as we have no men to man her, she is ordered to be

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sold. If those at Venice will be prevailed on to serve, with the merchant ships that will be impressed into the service in these parts, our number may be 20. The enemies' men-of-war in this road and adjacent are 28, besides a dozen more reported to be coming forth.

Although the present affairs in England will not admit of sending forth the succour determined on, yet let it be considered whether six frigates may not be sent from the west of England or elsewhere, with 400 or 500 men to man these merchant ships, which otherwise will not be better manned than when they had merchants' goods in them.

The Great Duke and his court have arrived here, and I have observed that according to England's success, such are our friends among these foreign princes.

Longland and I have received yours and the Council of State's letters as to bills of exchange, and will conform thereto, but Longland had previously drawn upon you for round sums, to pay the merchantmen their imprest money. Let care be taken for payment of those bills when due, as he will give a just account of their disbursement. With copy of his letter of 24 December. [2½ *pages.*]

Jan. 6. Great Yarmouth.

15. Robert Hormer and Jno. Arnold, bailiffs, to General Monk, London. Upon a conference at a common council to-day, we find that the livelihood of all the inhabitants of this town is principally supported by the employment of vessels in fishing and other voyages; that they lost 200,000*l.* in the late wars, to the utter undoing of many families; and that poverty has greatly increased, so that several persons in the town have been rated at from 8*s.* to 10*s.* a week towards the relief of the poor, besides the monthly rates, and 700*l.* a year charge of maintaining our haven and piers.

The revenue of our town, chiefly consisting in duties paid by fishing and other vessels, is greatly impaired; so that, without security in our employments at sea, this populous place, now in a very sinking condition, will be inevitably ruined. Not 3 boats are now preparing to go forth fishing, where 150 sail used to be making ready at this season. Hoping that you and the others, lately entrusted as Commissioners for managing naval affairs, are using effectual endeavours for suppressing the insolent Dutch, and for raising the nation's honour on the seas, we are humbly bold, by desire of our aldermen and common council, to present to you the enclosed proposals, and to beseech you, if you discern anything in them, to communicate them to the Navy Commissioners, that, if approved, they may be established. [1¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

15. I. *Proposals tendered to the Admiralty Committee.*

That Commissioners be settled in several ports, viz., London, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Bristol, Great Yarmouth, Hull, and Newcastle, consisting of merchants and seamen, subordinate to the Navy Commissioners, who may have power, in case of invasion or other emergency, to impress and arm ships, vessels, and men, and such power to extend to adjacent places.

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That stores of ammunition, money, and provisions be kept in each port, so that the State's ships having lost their masts, sails, anchors, cables, &c., may not be forced to come to London for supplies, but be supplied, and sent out by those Commissioners as convoys to merchant ships, when not required for other service.

That constant intelligence be held between the Navy Commissioners and these port Commissioners, that commanders may not thwart each other, nor opportunities be lost of falling upon the enemy, in case of their being dispersed, or their fleet being weakly guarded; and that the said Commissioners be enabled to hold intelligence with the well affected of ours in other nations, whereby we may have perfect intelligence of the strength and time of the going out of the enemies' fleets, and of the coming home of their merchants' ships.

That the said Commissioners take care of the State's stores, and see that they, and the prize goods brought into the respective ports are not embezzled; also punish officers and seamen who neglect their duty, and persons who harbour them, and do not suffer any seamen fit for service to be out of employment.

That the said Commissioners certify the names of such seamen in the service as have wives and families, that they may be relieved in their husbands' absence, and that their husbands' pay be not wholly spent, as is too frequent, before they get to their several homes, our town being constrained to maintain many of their families in their absence.

As opportunities may be lost if the generals at sea attend remote councils, that they be invested with full power to pursue all advantages which may offer against the enemy.

That the persons entrusted to issue out stores for the navy be of approved integrity and experience, and not only issue out proportionable stores, but take accounts, certified under the captain's hand, from gunners and others, of the expense of their stores; and that it be declared felony to embezzle the State's stores, and that the buyers and receivers of such goods be liable to punishment as buying or receiving felons' goods.

That some plain and clear laws, concise and few, be made for regulating maritime causes, to be observed by the respective Commissioners.

That the Commissioners be empowered to present the names of captains of ships to be employed in places becoming void.

That ships laden with all manner of provisions constantly attend the several fleets when in remote parts, so that they be not necessitated on casualties to sudden returns, whereby advantages against the enemy may be lost.

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That in regard of the great decay of English shipping, no imposition be laid thereupon, so that the owners be not discouraged from building more, as half the shipping from London to the north parts of England is already lost, and a far greater loss on the fishery, and consequently a great decay of seamen, who are principally bred up by fishing.

That the town of Yarmouth may be one port wherein Commissioners may be seated, because :—

1. *That town has the best roadstead in England.*
2. *A greater number of ships and vessels pass through that road than any other in England.*
3. *No place in England (London excepted) can more speedily provide a considerable quantity of victuals for a fleet of ships.*
4. *The harbour is such that ships of* 11 *or* 12 *foot water may safely come in, of which draft they have many, and it is the safest harbour in England when ships are in.*
5. *When the weather is fit, ships with provisions can deliver the same at very small charge.*
6. *All ships of the northern parts of England trading southward touch at and come to this port, for convoy and supplies.* [2¾ *pages.*]

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2. The Admiralty Judges to send an account to Mr. Thurloe tomorrow of their proceedings against the Samson, Salvador, and George, and the whole state of that business.

3. The petition of Col. Ryley to be considered on Wednesday, and he to be here.

4. Mr. Thurloe to draw up a paper to be offered to Council, to be sent to foreign Ambassadors and ministers here, signifying to them Parliament's sense about the resorting of people to their houses to mass.

5. Mr. Say to look over the Act in his hands, to see whether the vote of Parliament of 5 Jan., concerning one-third of the penalty reserved on conviction of any person resorting to mass being given to the discoverer, is reached in the said Act; and if not, to prepare somewhat for that purpose.

6. The Admiralty Judges to certify whether the Innocentia and Pietas, taken and brought into Plymouth, be discharged; and if not, what is the state of their case in the Admiralty Court.

7. Col. David Rosse to be set at liberty, on giving such English security as Mr. Thurloe shall accept, to appear when summoned, and not to depart without leave.

8. Thurloe to confer with fit merchants on the proposals of the Senate of Hamburg, to prevent fraud in conveying enemy's goods under covert of their ships, and to see what further can be done.

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Also to prepare a letter to be sent in the interim to the senate, in answer to theirs. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 32–34.]

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1. The petition of Lord Sinclair and Lord Ogilvy suspended till the arrival of Major-Gen. Deane from Scotland.

3. Jas. Cotterell, printer, imprisoned for printing a scandalous pamphlet called *Mercurius Britannicus,* to be released, on good security to appear at Council any time within a twelvemonth, and to do nothing prejudicial meantime.

4. The petition of Laurence de Weymar referred to the Admiralty Committee.

5. Mr. Thurloe and Mr. Frost to consider the petition of Rowland Faukard, messenger of Council, examine into his condition, and report what should be done for him.

6. The Committee for Foreign Affairs—in pursuance of an order of Parliament that Council is to hear what the Resident from the Duke of Tuscany has to offer—to appoint a time for hearing what he has further to offer, upon the letters lately sent to Parliament from the Great Duke, and to report.

7, 8. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Ambassador of Portugal at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, in the usual place, and to deliver him the preliminary articles signed by Mr. Speaker, and Council's answer to his last paper.

9. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the petition of several merchants of London, concerning the eluding of the Act for navigation and the Act prohibiting the sale of French wines, to confer with merchants if they think fit, and propose a remedy.

10, 11. Isaac Dorislaus appointed solicitor to the Court of Admiralty, with 250*l.* a year for himself and a clerk, and his instructions now read approved.

12. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider what further allowance should be made to Dr. Walker, as advocate for the commonwealth in the Admiralty Court; and whether it may not be fit to add two able civilians to assist him, for the effectual managing of the business.

13. To write to the Governor of Portsmouth and Mr. Willoughby, to desire that the gold lately taken by 2 private men-of-war, and brought in thither, be so secured as to be the least charge, and that a speedy account be returned of the manner of taking the said ship, according to a former order of Council.

14. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to bring up the prize silver and cochineal from Plymouth, and coin the silver in the Tower, and to be informed that Major Desborow is ordered to afford convoy for bringing it up.

15. To write to Major Desborow to appoint a convoy accordingly.

16. Sir Jas. Harrington's report concerning the Mint to be made this day week.

17. The appointed Commissioners to deliver to M. Bordeaux the

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answer of Parliament to his last paper, to receive from him what he has to propound, and to treat with him concerning the same, and report from time to time.

18. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider and state the losses of English merchants through the depredations of the French.

19. The appointed Commissioners to meet the French minister at 4 p.m. to-morrow, in the usual place at Whitehall, and to deliver the answer of Parliament to his last papers; Fleming to give him notice, &c.

20. To write the Revenue Committee to give order for cutting 120 loads of billet in Windsor Forest for the use of Council, each load to consist of 1,000. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 206–211.]

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Whitehall.

16. Council of State to the Navy Commissioners. The company of the Garland petition for consideration of their losses, being taken prisoners by the Dutch. As they made a stout defence, those landed in Holland, Zealand, or France should have 6 weeks' pay, and those on the English coast a fortnight's pay. [⅔ *page.*]

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Plymouth.

17. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Council of State. After Capt. Martin of the Diamond sailed to the Channel on Wednesday last, he discovered 12 sail, which he judged to be Dutch men-of-war, standing westward, whereupon I got the Expedition ready, and Capt. Martin will supply her with powder. The Sampson is repairing, and the Gift and Duchess, French prizes, are ready; but the commissions and warrants for the officers have not yet come, and they also require ammunition.

There are 5 tons of cordage in store, which came from St. Malo, and more is expected, by an Irishman having interest with the friars there; 200 cwt. of hemp has arrived at Dartmouth from Brittany, which I have endeavoured to secure for the service. [1½ *pages.*]

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1. To write and thank the generals of the fleet for their good service which has been reported by the Admiralty Commissioners, and to pray them to continue the same care, and to uphold the good discipline in the fleet, which by their care is now practised.

2. To write to Peter Pett, noticing his especial care in the speedy fitting out of ships from Chatham, and to thank him, the master shipwright, and the other officers in the yard therefor.

3. The Lord General to order Col. Scroope, Governor of Bristol, to disregard his former order to disband the troops in the castle and fort of Bristol and to disgarrison them, and not to proceed until further directions.

4. The Hope, Adam and Eve, and two others to be employed as victuallers to the fleet; the Navy Commissioners to furnish them with men.

5. Council to consider the disposal of the fleet on Tuesday; the members to be desired to attend.

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6. To write the Army Committee to inform them that, on the disbanding of several garrisons, there are guns and ammunition which must be removed to places of security which the Lord General will appoint, and the Committee must provide money to be imprested to such as he appoints, for the charges of their removal. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 213, 214.]

Jan. 9.
Excise Office.

18. William Parker, Thos. Foot, Thos. Bulstrode, and Maur. Thomson, Excise Commissioners, to the Committee for regulating the Excise. In obedience to your commands for considering upon what commodities to lay the excise intended to be taken off from old and new draperies, we propose to do it by advancing the excise on Saltery wares, formerly paying 6*d.* to 12*d.* in the pound value; by laying as much upon Spanish cotton and all other wools; by forbidding excise once paid to be repaid upon goods exported from Scotland or Ireland; and lastly, by opening the trade for French wines. We consider that the value of what the cloth has yielded might thus be still levied with advantage, because—

1. It is reasonable that goods formerly less charged or exempted from excise, because of the duty on old and new draperies, should on this intended alteration be recharged. Of the first sort are Saltery wares, a great part whereof are employed for dyeing, and of the latter sort all Spanish and cloth wools.

2. That Saltery wares and cotton wools may as well bear the rate of 12*d.* in the pound as all other commodities imported do.

3. That Spanish wools formerly paying 12*d.* in the pound and cloth 6*d.* may now better pay the same rate when the latter shall pay nothing.

4. Because we do not apprehend that the traders in old and new draperies complain so much of the duty, as of the manner prescribed by ordinance of Parliament for levying it.

5. If they do, it is not fit that therefore they should be eased and other traders burdened, since every trader may thereupon complain and expect the same indulgence, and so a total surcease of the whole receipts of excise would ensue.

As to goods exported having once paid excise:—

1. Scotland and Ireland being reduced to obedience, it is but reasonable that they should be reckoned one, and consequently no excise once paid upon goods going thither should be paid again, any more than if going to any other port of this nation.

2. By these means the receipts will be heightened, and much fraud prevented, which is usually practised in furnishing the northern and western parts of England with commodities free of excise, on pretence of their being shipped off for those places.

3. It can be no detriment to the trade in such goods, on proof made that they have once paid customs and excise here, if they be excepted from paying any upon their landing again.

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As to importing French wines:—

1. The opening a way for bringing in French wines will very much advance customs and excise, when every tun pays 8*l.* in the outports, and 9*l.* 10*s.* in the port of London.

2. The people will be served with more wholesome wines and at a lesser price, for the prohibition does not hinder their coming in, but gives advantage only to particular persons to enrich and serve themselves, and to strangers to double their prices upon us.

As your Committee has ordered us to certify the commencement and endings of the several farms of excise in England, Wales, and Berwick, with the rent paid thereupon, and what inconveniences may befall in taking off the excise from old and new draperies, if not rightly timed, as also what obstructions we meet with in the management of the excise, we refer to the annexed abstract and draft of an Act, which will fully inform you.

In all the farms of the counties, the excise of old and new draperies is included, and so let to Michaelmas or to the end of the farm.

If any alteration be made before those farms expire, many cavils will arise, for the buyers will forbear payment of the excise, and the farmers detain their rent, and so breed endless disputes, and unreasonable demands, on pretence of defalcation and non-performance of articles. [3 *pages.*]

Jan. 10. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. To report to Council—on consideration of the letters from Amerigo Salvetti, on the surprisal of the Phœnix frigate, and the rescuing of a prisoner out of a sentinel's hands on shore, and also letters thereon from Longland and Capts. Badiley and Cox,—that Capt. Appleton should be summoned to attend Parliament or Council, to answer complaints of his carriage in his command, that the matter of fact may appear; and he is to come speedily over land.

2. To write Capt. Badiley, enclosing the said letters, and directing him to appoint a fit person to supply Appleton's place.

3. To enclose to Mr. Longland a copy of the summons of Appleton.

4. That Parliament should write to tell the Great Duke of Tuscany that Appleton is required to repair speedily to England, to be examined on the complaint against him, and if it be as represented, Parliament will be unwilling that His Highness should be prejudiced through his civility to the English.

5. Lord Bradshaw and nine others to consider what should be allotted to Viscount Lisle for preparation, exportation, and daily allowance for his embassy to Sweden, and the manner of settling the payment; to meet to-morrow in the inner Horse chamber, look over the instructions Thurloe shall prepare, consider the time of his going and the way of his convenience, confer with him thereon, and report.

6. Sarah Jackett to attend this Committee on Friday week, or send

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some one about her petition, and her papers delivered in to Council to be looked up.

7. The petition of Thos. Cockerill and others referred to the Admiralty Judges, to state the fact, and certify what should be done for their relief on Wednesday fortnight.

10. The petition of Mr. Rigby to be considered on Friday fortnight, he to attend, and to give notice also to the persons concerned to attend.

11. The petition and remonstrance of several merchants concerning the eluding the Act for increase of navigation, to be considered on Wednesday week; Mr. Kilvert, or some of the merchants subscribing the petition, to attend.

12. Order on Council's reference of the 7th instant, that as Admiralty employment is very much increased by the war with Holland, Dr. Walker's allowance of 100*l.* a year as advocate in the Admiralty Court be made 200*l.* for the ensuing year. Also that for better managing the multiplied and weighty affairs in that court, Dr. Clerk, late one of the Admiralty Judges, be added to Dr. Walker for a year, with the same allowance. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 35–40.]

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1. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider and report on the paper from the public minister of the King of France.

2. The Marshal at Chester to send a list of all prisoners in his charge, with their quality and cause of commitment, and to keep them secure till further notice.

3. Major Rhetorford and Lieut. Crow to be committed prisoners to the Gatehouse, in order to be further examined; the expense of their bringing up to be paid out of the exigents of Council.

4. The security to be taken for David Rosse to be one English and one Scotch man.

5. The Irish and Scotch Committee to confer with the Lord General as to where the arms and ammunition from garrisons now to be dismantled may be best placed, for the use of the commonwealth, and to report.

6. To answer to Hugh Peters' petition, that Council will do justice in the matter when the proofs shall be made in the Admiralty Court, and produced to Council, and oath taken of the facts alleged.

7. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the state of Tenby, and to report to Council with speed what should be done for its security.

8. The Committee appointed for reviving references to the Committee for Examinations to meet on Thursday in the inner withdrawing-room, next to the Shields' Gallery, and proceed therewith.

9. The same Committee added to the Committee appointed to examine the charge on the Marshal-General, by the petition of William Clyde, and to consider it on Thursday.

10. The Admiralty Committee to prepare instructions for the generals of the fleet, and bring them to Council on Thursday; Col. Wauton to take care thereof.

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11, 13, 16, 17, 19, 21. The petitions of Stephen Nicolls, seaman; of Lieut.-Col. Dawkins; of Daniel Sochon; of Parny Sky; of Gilbert Keate, Nathan Wright, Thos. Jennings, James Mann, John Leaman, and Rachel Hoxon, part owners of the Anthony Bonadventure; and of Simon Orton, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

12. Also Capt. Hatsell's letter from Plymouth, of the 7th inst. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **19.**]

14. The petition of Robert Ladd referred to the Committee for reviving former references to the Committee for Examinations.

15. That of Eliz. Farmer, widow, to Mr. Thurloe, to report what may be done for her relief.

18. That of Christopher Nugent to Mr. Scott, to examine the petitioner and report.

20. Major Lister to take care of John Ascham, if opportunity occurs to procure him the registrarship for the probate of wills in co. Lincoln, he being recommended from Parliament to Council for employment.

22. To acquaint the Army Committee of the contracts with Richard Browne, of Pembroke, for 1,000 quarters of oats at 19*s.* a quarter, amounting to 950*l.*, and for 40 tons of oatmeal at 15*l.* per ton, amounting to 600*l.*, and to desire them to order the present Treasurers-at-war to pay him according to contract, out of the money assigned for the service of Ireland.

23. Also to write them to discharge out of the same fund the money due on the contract made with John Mitchell for 3,700 lbs. (*sic*) of oats at 19*s.* per quarter for what is delivered at Galway, and 16*s.* at Carlingford, free of all charge, the danger of the sea excepted. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 216–220.]

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The Adventure, near Woodbridge.

20. Capt. Robt. Wyard to the Council of State. I put to sea on the 4th inst. with 70 or 80 sail, bound for Harwich, Lynn, Wells, Yarmouth, and London; but the wind is contrary for London; 20 sail at Yarmouth and 13 at Lynn, laden with malt and barley, have been waiting eight or ten weeks for a convoy northward, and dare not stir without it. Shall I go again northward, or come to the fleet? Capt. Deacon left me no orders at Yarmouth; four ships were left behind on account of an accident. We only saw two small men-of-war in our passage. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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Guernsey.

21. Col. John Bingham, governor, to the Council of State. By this bearer Wm. Pyme, an English merchant, I received letters from the Seneschal and Procureur Sindic of St. Malo, translations of which I enclose, desiring free trade with England. This overture would be very advantageous in the export and vent of drapery, especially from the western parts, and the import of sailcloth, linen, pitch, tar, cordage, &c. It would also greatly advantage Guernsey and Jersey, as we have a constant supply of provisions from them. Pyme has shown great affection to Parliament by giving constant intelligence to me and my predecessors here of all the enemy's

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designs against this island, and of all boats with provisions for relief of Castle Cornet, whilst it stood out against Parliament. He has spent 40*l.* in relieving our seamen taken by the Dutch. There are few English merchants there, and the distressed mariners fly to them, so that some provision should be made, or English seamen will be disheartened. I think it of great concern to the State that this, and the desire of the chief magistrate of St. Malo's, be attended to. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Jan. 10. Leghorn. **22.** Charles Longland to the Navy Committee. On advice of the late fight with Tromp by Gen. Blake, I feared the succour you intended hither would be retarded, and therefore consulted with Capt. Badiley as to bringing the merchant ships at Porto Longone to Porto Ferraro, a strong town of the Great Duke's, where there are magazines and other conveniences for landing goods; and their goods being discharged, to entertain the ships in the service. If the 20 sail you intended to send cannot be spared, if you send only four good merchant ships, with 1,000 supernumeraries to man these ships, I doubt not but they will be masters of these seas; for there are good ships here that only want men. We think of sending for the State's guns at Alicant and Carthagena, which will much strengthen these auxiliary merchant ships.

We will do what is possible to quell the enemy; but as you have made Capt. Badiley chief commander of all ships in the Mediterranean, you must give him power answerable thereto; viz., a power of punishing those that deserve it, and of rewarding others; of removing men and placing or displacing commanders; and all this under your hand and seal. For as in the late fight of Capt. Badiley with the Dutch, Capt. Reeves in the Betty frigate got no reputation, now he has lost the little he had; Capt. Badiley sent the Betty and Warwick to Naples, and on their way, they met two Flemings of 40 guns and 45 men, with whom they fought half-an-hour, but finding the service so hot, they left them, and when they came to Naples, reported what a fight they had made with two Dutch men-of-war, which has made both of them ridiculous and contemptible. I would not willingly brand any man with ignominy, but I could not but acquaint you with this. A more absolute power in your chief commander might prevent such misdemeanors.

I hope my bills may find compliance at home, whereby your fleet here and in other parts of Italy may be duly served. I hear that the six sail of Dutch which left this port five days since for Smyrna are gone for Naples, where they have a design upon the Phœnix, and I have despatched a post to Capt. Cox there, to be well provided for any such encounter, and to beware of his prisoners; it would be too great a discredit for that frigate to be lost again by the same way she was taken. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

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1. Edward Progers, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to be released on bail, on bond for 1,000*l.* and two securities for 500*l.* each, in the usual form.

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2. Sir O. Fleming to carry the letter from Parliament to the commonwealth of Venice to their secretary now here.

3. The petition of Col. James Graham respited until Major-General Deane comes to town.

4. The petition of William Warre and others of the company of the Garland, now prisoners with the Dutch, referred to the generals of the fleet, to use the best means for procuring their release.

5. The Committee of Foreign Affairs and Dr. Walker to consider the instructions given by Council to the Admiralty Court, upon which letters of marque and reprisal have been granted to those of this nation who have suffered depredations from the French; to consider the matter in fact between England and France in relation to their granting, and the proceedings which have been had thereupon, and to prepare an answer to the last paper of the French minister sent in to Council, and to report the whole matter.

6. The Scotch and Irish Committee to consider the making provision of corn at Newcastle for public use, whilst it is at a reasonable price.

7. The Admiralty Commissioners to write to the vice-admirals and mayors of port towns, to impress as many seamen as they find necessary for manning the fleet now to go forth, and to give order for sending them to the ports where they are most needed.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the ships at Portsmouth and Plymouth and the western ports to cruise up and down the Channel, to discover the enemy. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **23.**]

9. Major-General Desborow to furnish the State's ships at Plymouth with as much powder as they need, and as can be spared from the stores there.

10. Col. Scroope's regiment to remain quartered at Bristol in the castle and fort, until further order.

11. The Lord General to order the reducing of the companies at Portsmouth and Shrewsbury to 70 men each, that Col. Scroope's company may remain at Bristol without further charge to the public, till further order.

12. Thirty men to be continued in Warwick Castle till 25th March, to guard the arms, ammunition, and ordnance; the governor to be continued at 5*s.* a day, a lieutenant at 3*s.*, two corporals at 14*d.*, the gunner and two matrosses there to be part of the 30 men, and paid as private soldiers at 10*d.* a day, and 12*d.* a day to be allowed for fire and candles for the guards.

13. The Lord General to order the reducing of Col. Jones's company to 50 men, to continue at Cardiff Castle till further order, to guard the arms and ammunition.

14. Also to order that the arms and ammunition removed from Gloucester, on the dismantling of that garrison, be sent to Bristol to be secured.

15. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider of some fit person to collect the arms and ammunition from the garrisons to be slighted, and to give him orders concerning their disposal, and agree with him concerning wages, and report what they resolve.

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16. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the best ways and means for slighting the places and garrisons ordered to be disgarrisoned effectually and speedily, and report.

17. That Committee to order Mr. Legge to receive by inventory all the commonwealth's goods lately sent from Scotland, which were sent for the use of the Commissioners of Parliament lately there, to compare the inventory by which they were delivered with that by which they shall be received, and to consider where the charge for carriage and delivery may be satisfied, and report.

18. Mr. Longland's letter, dated Dec. 17 and 27, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider and report on the whole letter, especially the last clause declaring unfree ships unfree goods.

19. Mr. Thurloe to deliver attested copies of the informations mentioned in Robert Riddle's petition to him, so far as they concern the petitioner. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 221–226.]

24. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider how the orders of this day concerning the Marmaduke may be put into speedy and effectual execution. With note that this business is under secrecy for 14 days. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 11.
Whitehall.

Council of State to Isaac Dorislaus. As it is needful for carrying on affairs in the Admiralty Court that a faithful and able person be appointed to solicit public causes, being satisfied of your fitness, we appoint you solicitor, following the present and any future instructions. [*I.* 68, *p.* 228.]

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Instructions by the Council of State to Isaac Dorislaus:—

1. You are to inform yourself of all prize ships taken by the State's ships or others, where they are sent to, their quality and value, how laden, to what country they belong, and what papers and writings were found aboard them.

2. You are to keep an account of what causes of reprisals are depending in the Admiralty Court; how far they are proceeded in; who claims them; with their quality, condition, value, country, burden, tonnage, furniture, goods, merchandise, and ammunition.

3. You are to receive into custody all papers, letters, bills of lading, and other writings found aboard prize ships, which the Commissioners are to deliver to you that you may translate those not in English, and make all necessary use of them for the State.

4. You are to make abridgments of all those papers for the perusal of the advocate. The papers are then to be delivered to the Admiralty Registry, to be kept or disposed of as the Court shall direct.

5. You are to inform the advocate what prizes come in, and what evidence you find in the papers to show the State's title, that proceedings may be taken accordingly in the Admiralty Court.

6. You are, on direction of the advocate, to bring all causes depending concerning the State to speedy judgment, and to keep all things in such order that the advocate may be fully informed of the

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facts and evidence; and you are authorised to employ other lawyers on occasion.

7. You are to keep all accounts in such order that at any time Council may be informed of the state and condition of any ship brought in as prize, and of the proceedings thereon in the Court.

8. You are to inquire and truly inform the proctor and advocate of all manner of breaking bulk of prizes, and disposing and sorting of prize goods before sentence given in the Admiralty Court, and to inform by whom this was done.

9. Also to inform them of any who, contrary to their reprisal commissions, carried prizes to any place out of the dominions of the commonwealth, and there disposed of them, and what the value was.

10. You are to attend the Admiralty Judges, to know what references they have or shall have from Council concerning petitions, that there may be due proceedings taken therein, for the ease of Council, of the said judges, and of the petitioners. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 229–231.]

Jan. 11. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. A letter from the Commissioners at Leith, in answer to the order of Parliament, and the Committee's letter concerning the estate of the Earl of Leven produced.

2. Whitelock reports a Bill for ascertaining whose lands in Scotland shall be confiscated, and pardon for the rest.

3. The Committee think the main scope of the Bill should be for pardon and oblivion, and that the lands to be confiscated should be inserted as an exception, and Whitelock is requested to alter it accordingly, and report on Friday.

4. The deputies called in and dismissed for the present, the Committee not being ready to communicate the Bill to them. [*I.* 138, *p.* 46.]

Jan. 12. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. The business of furnishing masts from Scotland referred to Thurloe, to confer with fit persons, and prepare instructions for such as shall be sent to Scotland thereon.

2. The signification of the sense of Parliament, appointed to be drawn up by Mr. Thurloe to be sent to the public Ambassadors, &c., to be brought to Council to-morrow.

3. Note to look out the orders that passed for accommodating the embassy to Holland.

4. The report from the Sub-committee on the clothing business to be heard on Friday.

6. The petition of Col. Ryley to be then considered. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 40, 41.]

Jan. 12. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Wm. Masham, Mr. Gurdon, Mr. Scott, and Sir John Bourchier to be a Committee to consider the account of Mr. Daven-

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port, Marshal of Chester, of money disbursed by him for maintenance of Scottish prisoners in his custody, and out of what treasury it may be paid.

2. Capt. Wyard's letter referred to the Admiralty Committee, to give directions for his future employment. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **25.**]

3. Mr. Scott to pay Widow Pilman the money found by her in the street, to the value of 32*s.* 6*d.*, towards her expenses during her attendance on Council.

4. Sir Hy. Mildmay to report to Parliament the draft of the answer prepared to the last letter of the Duke of Tuscany, in pursuance of their order.

5. The letter to Capt. Appleton now read approved, and to be signed and sent.

6. The petition of Thos. Wells referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **26.**]

7. That Committee to confer with the Ordnance Committee on Mr. Longland's proposition for furnishing 10,000 barrels of gunpowder at Leghorn.

8. Mr. Dorislaus to confer with the Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker concerning the examination of those captains who did not engage in the last fight, sworn to by those who were examined before they go to sea, and to acquaint them that Council has ordered the generals of the fleet to allow such of them to come up to London as witnesses as the Admiralty Court shall appoint.

9. To write the generals of the fleet to permit such persons to repair to London as the Admiralty Judges send for, to take their oaths upon examinations taken at the fleet against the captains who engaged not in the late engagement.

10. Capt. Bishop to deliver to Mr. Dorislaus the extracts of intelligence desired by him, to be used in the Admiralty Court when the trial of the three plate ships comes on.

11, 12. Capts. Young and Taylor to be committed to the Fleet for not engaging in the fight with the Dutch off Dungeness, and the examinations concerning them to be sent to Dr. Walker, who is to prepare charges against them, and to proceed to their trial.

13. The petition of Simon de Caseres, merchant of Hamburg, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report what may best be done for his relief.

14, 15. Also the petitions of John Prudes, late surgeon of the Hercules, and of Beatrice Pilman, widow.

16. The Lieutenant of the Tower to see that no private vessel comes to the Tower wharf, to the disadvantage or hindrance of any of the State's vessels.

17. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider what salary should be paid to the Ordnance officers and out of what treasury, and which of the officers should be continued, and how the Ordnance Office may be best conducted for the future, and to report. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **27.**]

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18. Order on the petition of Wm. Hull that, on his deposing before the auditors of imprest to the truth of his account, a warrant be brought in for its payment from the exigent moneys of Council.

19. The letters from Capt. Badiley, from the Paragon, Porto Longone, Dec. 8 and 18, and from Mr. Longland of Dec. 20, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider what directions should be given to Capt. Badiley, and report.

20. The Ordnance Committee to take account of what unserviceable brass guns are now in the Tower, and to give order for casting them into such ordnance as may be most useful to the fleet.

21. Also to appoint a fit person to bring the ordnance, arms, and ammunition from the garrisons which are to be dismantled to the Tower, for the use of the fleet.

22. To write Mr. Longland Council's opinion that, for the furnishing the English shipping in the Straits with Englishmen, he bring, from time to time as he has occasion to send to the African coast, some of the English captives from Algiers, which may be effected by paying the price of each man's redemption, which Council believes is now fixed upon.

23. Mr. Lister to present to Parliament the reports ordered by last year's Council to be made by Mr. Holland, for payment of the wages of the Ordnance officers, and others employed in the Tower.

24. The Navy Committee to pay all bills charged upon them from Capt. Badiley and Mr. Longland for the use of the navy. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **28.**]

25. The Committee for reviving former references to the Committee for Examinations to consider the Acts for suppressing scandalous pamphlets, and the regulations for printing, and the best way of executing the same, and to report with speed.

26. The appointed Committee to meet the Portuguese Ambassador to-morrow at 4 p.m., Fleming to inform and attend him there.

27. Mr. Thurloe to prepare a paper on an order of Parliament, whereby Council may signify to the foreign Ambassadors and ministers now here that they are not to permit any people of this commonwealth to hear mass in their houses, it being contrary to the laws of the nation.

28. Order,—on representation of the Victuallers that the proportion of victuals ordered this year is so great that additions must be made to the buildings used in that service,—that allowance shall be made to the contractors, at the expiration of their contracts, for any new buildings they have to erect on the State's ground, at London, Portsmouth, Sandwich, or elsewhere, and that the Navy Commissioners insert a clause to this effect in the present contract with the Victuallers. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **29.**]

29. The report of the Ordnance Committee concerning the defects in the Portsmouth garrison re-committed to them, to ascertain, by sending down an engineer or otherwise, what should be done to fortify that garrison as things now stand, and what the charge will be.

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30. The Admiralty Committee's report on the petition of the captain, officers, and company of the State's ship Concord referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

31. Order,—on information by M. le St. Thomas, agent for the Count du Ounguion, that his ship the Joseph was seized by the State's frigate Diamond, and had goods value 109*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* taken out of her by the ship's company,—that the Collectors for Prize Goods cause strict examination to be made who plundered the Joseph, and return an account with speed. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 233–239.]

[Jan. 12.] **30.** Petition of Thos. Wells to the Admiralty Committee for a gunner's place in any frigate now void, being well experienced, and a great sufferer. Was gunner of the Golden Katherine and served 15 months, lost all he had when the ship was surprised by the French in the Straits, and was six months cruelly imprisoned by them. With certificate in his favour by Maurice Thomson and five others [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 13.] **31.** [Order in the Irish and Scotch Committee] that Mr. Bond, Scott, Love, or Purefoy is to move Council that,—as there is a quantity of corn contracted for on the State's account for the forces in Ireland, who are in great want thereof, and it is ready to be shipped from Sandwich, London, and Harwich, in order to its falling into the Downs for convoy; also that 1,500 or 1,600 quarters of wheat is shipping at Portsmouth in hope of convoy; also that no part of the ammunition for next summer's service in Ireland is yet shipped from hence, waiting advice when it may be fit to load,—they will declare their pleasure whether there shall be a present going in hand with the lading of the said corn and ammunition, so that it may be ready to put out to sea with the fleet, and have convoy. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 13. **32.** Petition of Edward Earl of Worcester to the Council of State, for competent maintenance for himself and family. Had he been taken in arms, he and his family would not have been left without bread, but he submitted voluntarily, and has lived in imprisonment six months on credit, which is hourly likely to fail, and his wife has neither jointure nor maintenance. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. ? **33.** Similar petition to like effect. [¾ *page.*]

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1. The Earl of Leven to have two months' more time allowed for getting to Seaton Delaval, the present season being unsuitable for so long a journey.

2. The paper sent from the Irish and Scotch Committee, concerning the providing of convoys for the corn to be sent to Ireland, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to consider and give order as to the time and place at which the convoy may be appointed. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **34.**]

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3,'4. That Committee to consider how much corn should be provided at Lynn, Hull, Newcastle, and those parts, corn now being cheap; this business to be considered on Tuesday.

5. To order the sheriff of co. York, Sir Wm. Strickland, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Darley to appoint an able engineer, and with him take a view of the defects of Hull, and certify the same, with the charge for repair.

6. [Rich.] Bradshaw's letter from Copenhagen of 25 December referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider how the persons mentioned therein may best be brought off from their present service, and report.

7. Extracts to be made of the intelligence received from the Netherlands, and copies sent to the Admiralty Committee and the generals of the fleet, who are to use all possible expedition to get out the fleet.

8. The debate on the fleet to be taken up on Monday; the members to have notice to attend.

10. The letter from the Navy Commissioners, concerning the loss of a hoy belonging to James Burrell, which was pressed into the service, referred to the Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prizes, who are to repair his loss by delivering to him some prize vessel of equal proportion and value.

11. The petition of the Governor and Company of Levant merchants, with the petitions, papers, and patents brought in by them, on order of Council last year, referred to the speedy consideration of the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

14. The Admiralty Judges to certify what interest Mr. Boone has in 7,000 pieces of eight, Mexico coin, and a patack of Spanish tobacco, detained in the Madeira Islands by the King of Portugal's officers.

15. The petition of Captain Edward Thomson referred to the Admiralty Committee, who are to state the fact and to export.

17, 18. The Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker to examine the petition of John Dickons, Job Throckmorton, John Robinson and Company, state the fact, and certify it, with their opinions what should be done for the petitioners, to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, who are to consider and report.

19. The Irish and Scotch Committee to confer with the Commissary of the [Artillery] train and Mr. Dobbins, concerning the removal of arms, ammunition, &c. from garrisons to be slighted, to where they may be of best advantage to the State. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 241–245.]

Jan. 14. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. The clause of Mr. Longland's letter relating to declaring all goods unfree taken in unfree ships to be sent to Dr. Walker, and he to draw up an Act for declaring the same, and send the draft to Mr. Thurloe on Monday.

2. To write Longland and Badiley that what monies they require

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to take up there for fitting forth the ships they must draw bills for on the Navy Treasurer, which shall be accepted and answered.

3. Order on the petition of Col. Hugh Ryley for relief,—since by his service to the State in witnessing against Lord Craven, he has disabled himself from gaining a livelihood as formerly, as a soldier in the service of foreign princes, not daring to reside now beyond seas,—to report to Council that 100*l.* should be given him for his services.

4. The draft of the Act about old and new Draperies now read to be reported to Council, and if they approve, offered to Parliament.

7. Thurloe to speak with M. Augier about the case between this commonwealth and France, and the grounds on which letters of reprisal were granted; Council's directions to the generals of the fleet for taking French ships, and the letters and papers on which those resolutions were taken, to be brought in on Monday. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 42–45.]

Jan. 14. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Richard Beare referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

2, 3, 11, 14. Those of Margery Auston, widow; of Alice Taylour on behalf of her husband, Robert Taylour, mariner; of divers masters of ships bound for Dunkirk for convoy; and of Edw. Flood, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **35.**]

4. The business of getting money from Portugal to be considered on Monday, when the Admiralty and Ordnance Committees report what should be done on Mr. Longland's proposition for furnishing gunpowder.

6. The petition of Capt. John Coppin, late commander of the Speaker, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to consider what can be done for his encouragement besides the 100*l.* already ordered, and for the cure of his leg, which was shot to pieces in service.

7. The appointed Committee to examine John Davies, committed to the Serjeant-at-arms for delivering to Lord Chief Baron Wilde a book containing something on behalf of Charles Stuart, and to report.

8. Mr. Say to receive from Mr. Corbett, and present to Parliament, the report ordered by last year's Council, concerning settling a way for the sale of Dutch prize goods.

13, 15. Sir O. Fleming to give the letter from Parliament to the Duke of Tuscany to Signor Amerigo Salvetti, his Ambassador, for transmission. Also to convey to the several Ambassadors and public ministers the letters ordered this night to be sent to them.

16. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to speak to Fleming and others, concerning the treatment of the person sent from the Duke of Courland in a public capacity.

17. A pass to be granted to Henry Stuart, third son of the late King, to go with his servants and necessaries, in a vessel of Flanders, to any port in Flanders.

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18. The 1,000*l.* already ordered to be paid to him, 500*l.* on his arrival there, and 500*l.* three months after.

19. Mr. Thurloe to inspect the book tendered by Mr. White for publication.

20. The Irish and Scotch Committee's report concerning the coining of money in Ireland recommitted to them, and they to confer with the master and officers of the Mint thereon.

23. The petition of Martin Stockhow, master of the St. George of Hamburg, referred to the Admiralty Court, who are to examine Capt. Bonner, and have him show cause why he may not be proceeded against in the Admiralty Court for the matter complained of.

24. The petition of Martin Stockhow, and of Raty Boy, master of the John the Baptist of Hamburg, to be sent to the Admiralty Judges, who are to proceed therein according to rule. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 249–253.]

Jan. 14. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. Whitelock presents a letter from Lord Drury, one of the deputies, with the draft of an order enclosed, according to which he prays an order to Parliament to protect the deputies, and secure their estates in Scotland, during their service.

2. Order that Whitelock present these papers to Parliament, with the desires of the deputies to be secured in person and estate.

3. Order,—on the motion of the deputies for supply of sheriffs and commissaries in Scotland who are deceased,—that Parliament be moved to give power to such as they think fit to remove those found unworthy, and to supply the places that are and shall be void.

4. Order—on consideration of the petition of the Earl of Leven to Parliament, the order of Parliament referring it to this Committee, and the certificate of the Leith Commissioners concerning the Earl's estate,—that the case be deferred till the Bill ascertaining whose estates shall be confiscated and whose pardoned come on.

5. The draft of a Bill of Oblivion brought in by Whitelock approved, and he requested to report it to Parliament.

6. Order—the deputies having presented the condition of their countrymen, prisoners in England, complaining of their necessities, and praying this Committee to be a means for their enlargement,—that the members of the Committee who are members of the Council of State acquaint Council therewith. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 47, 48.]

Jan. 14. ORDERS in the ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

36. The annexed list to be referred to the Navy Commissioners to inquire of the character and abilities of those named therein, and certify; also to present others qualified to serve; also to use all possible expedition in presenting clerks of the check and pursers. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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37. The Navy Commissioners to consider the paper annexed, and prepare and present with all speed instructions for stewards and clerks of the check. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

37. I. *Proposal by John Mildmay and two others:—*

1. *That the clerk of the check be an able accountant, inspect all receipts and deliveries, and present his accounts thereof weekly to the captain.*

2. *That the stewards give the clerk daily account of the victuals expended, and that they provide necessaries as the pursers did, and be allowed therefor* 1*s.* 2*d. per man per month, keeping what remains of the necessaries at the end of the voyage.*

3. *That four months' provision be appointed to each ship, and three and a half months' to each frigate, to be renewed as the captain advises, always having six weeks' or two months' provision on the ship, and the ground tier beer to be in iron-bound cask.*

4. *The captain to enter the ship as soon as it can take in victuals, see to their stowage, and inspect their quality and quantity, receiving accounts from the clerk of the check.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

38. The Navy Commissioners to consider the enclosed proposals. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

38. I. *Proposals concerning the flag officers to be employed in this year's service.*

The three generals appointed by Parliament to have 3*l. a day each.*

A vice-admiral of the whole fleet 2*l.*

A rear-admiral of the whole fleet 1*l.*

Two occasional vice-admirals to have 30*s. a day, whilst actually wearing the flag.*

Three occasional rear-admirals 15*s.*

The three generals to have each a standard, and one a pendant and ensign red, another blue, and the other white.

The vice-admiral to wear the usual flag in his foretop, with pendant and ensign red.

The other vice-admirals to have blue and white flags.

The rear-admirals respectively red, blue, and white in their mizen tops.

The fleet to be divided into nine parts, and wear the colours of the flag they are put under.

All the ships to wear jacks as formerly.

If any general goes out of his ship, the standard to be taken down, and a flag of the ship's colour put up. [1 *page.*]

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39. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. Our opinions on yours of the 14th are:—

That the pay of 3*l.* a day to the general or admiral, 2*l.* to the vice-admiral, and 1*l.* to the rear-admiral should remain as established, and that 1*l.* will suffice for occasional vice-admirals, and 15*s.* for rear-admirals.

On the distinguishment of flags, pendants, and ensigns, we cannot advise, but must leave it to commanders at sea, who best know the cause of such distinctions. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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The Leopard,
Leghorn Mould.

40. Capt. Rich. Badiley to the Admiralty Committee. Longland being 7,000 dollars out of pocket in disbursements for ships at Porto Longone, I could do no less than confirm his bills of exchange. You ordered those concerning Capt. Appleton and his ships to be drawn on the Customs' Commissioners, and those relating to myself either on you or the Navy Treasurer. I have drawn bills of 700 and 1,800 dollars on the treasurer for victuals, &c. for 400 men on the Paragon and Elizabeth. I will husband the money and keep clear accounts, but those belonging to several ships, being undigested from the beginning of their voyage, cannot be cleared till they come home.

I am returning to Porto Longone, where three of the ships convoyed will land their goods, custom free as the commander there promises, and then be impressed into the service, that our strength may be proportioned to the enemy before we engage again; but our want will be men. I hope Capt. Cox will bring the three frigates from Naples in four days, and then with those eight good ships, I would make for this road, though 18 or 20 Dutch men-of-war rode here. But if the wind were too northerly, we could expect no help from our six gallant ships in this Mould, because it takes 24 hours in fair weather to ballast them before they can sail. So I suppose we shall go to meet the Venice ships, which delay, and propound no easier terms to serve their country than six months' pay beforehand, for six months' service. With copy of his letter of 6 Jan. [3 *pages.*]

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Leghorn.

41. Capt. Rich. Badiley to Robt. Blackborne. I am glad to hear a fleet is coming forth at last. Although my wife, by her importunity, showed her affection, I wish she had left that to understanding gentlemen, as the honour of the nation was more concerned in despatching the fleet hither than a thousand particular concernments. The regaining of the Phœnix has put a new face upon business with us here. Van Galen, the Dutch admiral, has been to sea with another ship seven or eight weeks, but has not met with anything but a good appetite, his men being like to starve at sea, having been beaten back many times by contrary winds. When he came in, he stormed like a madman to hear the frigate was lost, and when he went to the Great Duke at court, he told him he knows young Tromp will lose his head for his neglect when he comes home, except his father does some notable exploit.

It is worth noting that on Andrew's day the Dutch used to make a feast in Leghorn, but to ingratiate themselves with the Italians,

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they would show their friendship to the religion of this country, and therefore now a friar must preach to all their captains and merchants before dinner; his text was "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." As a just judgment, near 100 of their men were fished from them that night in the Phœnix, and their commander-in-chief, who through his drunkenness would remain with his Queen that night, was hurried to his long home in three days after.

Put my wife's letter in your pocket, and when you go to the water side, send it by your waterman. [1¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 17. **42.** Order in the Admiralty Committee—on report of Commissioner Fras. Willoughby, that the George Bonadventure, which was with Sir Geo. Ayscue in the west, came to Portsmouth and lay there idle a month, the captain being come to London for money; that then the men, receiving five instead of nine months' money, mutinied and ran away,—to report to Council that the ship should be discharged.

Also to report letters from Mr. Willoughby and Capt. Kendal, informing of ships going from Plymouth, Dartmouth, and Barnstaple, to the Isle of May and Newfoundland, which will carry 2,000 able seamen. [½ *page.*]

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1, 3, 4. The petitions of Susanna Bucke and Christian Smith; of Anne Bowers, widow; and of Susanna Purvis, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

2. That of divers merchants trading in the Levant seas, to the Committee of Foreign Affairs.

5. That of John Preston and Daniel Hutchinson, aldermen of Dublin, to the Committee for Irish and Scotch Affairs.

6. Capt. Badiley's letters referred to the said Committee, who are to confer with the owners of merchant ships now in the Straits, concerning the employing them as men-of-war, and thereupon to write to Capt. Badiley and report.

7. The Navy Victuallers to hasten down to the fleet beer in iron-bound casks, and to send one of their number to see to the disposition of the victuals which shall be sent down.

8. To write to the generals of the fleet to approve the stay they have made of the fishing boats from Ostend, and to leave it to them whether to keep or release them; and to do the like in future on like occasions.

9. The Governor of Dover Castle to examine William Welsh, master of a small dogger brought in by a private man-of-war, and also Mr. Warrener of Greenwich, its owner, concerning its late voyage; Council being informed that it has been at Zuyrick [Zuyder ?] seas in Zealand. An extract of the intelligence to be sent him, and he is to give an account concerning it.

10. The business of Scotland to be considered to-morrow; Major-Gen. Deane to attend, and acquaint Council with the state of affairs there, and to receive his commission as one of the generals of the fleet.

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11. The letter and list for the Army Committee now read approved, and to be sent.

12. The Scotch and Irish Committee to consider the manner of slighting the works at Gloucester with speed, and how it may be in safety meanwhile, and to report to-morrow.

13. The debate concerning the fleet to be resumed to-morrow, after the business of Scotland.

14. The certificate from the Trinity House Commissioners referred to the Scotch and Irish Committee, to order payment of the money due.

15. That Committee to consider and report how the common soldiers in Scotland, now to be disbanded, who have no arrears of wages due to them, may be enabled to repair to their habitations, and to report.

16. The letter from the Governor of Hurst Castle, of December 29th, referred to the Ordnance Committee.

17. Major Lister to present to Parliament Col. Sydenham's letter of the 13th, concerning the present state of the Isle of Wight, that they may consider and give order thereon.

18. The Navy Commissioners to see that the George Bonadventure be dismissed from the service, it having lain idle at Portsmouth ever since the fight Sir George Ayscue had with the Dutch fleet in the west, and to take care that on account with her owners, the State be righted for the neglect of time. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **43.**]

19. To write to Col. Stapley to hand over to Mr. Willoughby, Navy Commissioner, any provisions of use for shipping preserved on board the Dutch ship lately wrecked on the coast of Sussex, and if any persons claim them, consideration is to be taken thereof, and satisfaction given.

20. To inform Mr. Willoughby of the above, and that there being some good masts at Jersey, he is to send the Orange Tree, now at Cowes, or some other fit ship, to fetch them, and to appoint a convoy for them.

21. The letter to the Army Committee to be signed and sent. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 237–261.]

Jan. 17 ? **44.** Petition of Geo. Kymmicott, mayor, and 25 inhabitants of Dartmouth, to the Admiralty Committee for a convoy for 34 ships, which they have set out to Newfoundland, and which will else run great hazard of being taken by the enemy's ships of war. [1 *sheet,* 26 *signatures.*]

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Leghorn. **45.** Charles Longland to Robt. Blackborne. Although the relation of the fight with the Dutch fleet, in yours of December 6th, proves a great loss to the State, yet 'tis not the length of what our enemies reported to the Great Duke, whose court is now here, but he has since been better informed. As this action is a disturbance to the intended convoy's departure, I have freighted the ships in Porto

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Longone for the service, 17 merchant ships, besides the six belonging to the State, but they cannot do the work without men. I have written Council to send out 1,000 or at least 500 men, who may be brought by two merchant ships to Italy, and then these ships would make their way home.

The frigates off Naples have taken a Dutch ship of 26 guns, which with 100 men would make a good ship of war. I am sending the Florence wine to Marseilles, to be laden on an English ship there, because if it is not home before May, it will be spoiled. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 18. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Irish and Scottish Committee to consider the petition of Sir Jas. Bannatyne, to levy a regiment of Scottish and Irish foot to transport into foreign parts, to confer with him as to their numbers and destination, and report.

2. The Navy Commissioners to pay to John Rogers, Mayor of Hull, 15*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*, the sum disbursed by him for keeping out a small vessel by order of Council, for giving and gaining intelligence at sea. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **46.**]

3. The Irish and Scotch Committee to confer with Maj.-Gen. Deane concerning settling places of strength and all other things in Scotland, relating to its settlement in peace and safety.

4. The petition of Lieut.-Col. Joyce referred to the said Committee, to confer with the Lord General, and report.

5. To answer the petition of Susanna Cowling, that the matter is not within the cognizance of Council.

6. The petition of Jane, widow of Henry Parker, late secretary of the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland, with a letter from the said Commissioners to Council, referred to the Committee of Parliament for the Army, to pay her the arrears due to her late husband for service in Ireland.

7. The petition of Rich. Denmead and Edw. Stafy referred to the Irish and Scotch Affairs' Committee. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 263, 264.]

10. Order—on information from the Ambassador of Portugal that goods belonging to that king and his subjects have been taken in Dutch bottoms, and brought into the State's harbours,—that on proof that the goods belong *bonâ fide* to the said king and his subjects, the Admiralty Committee order restitution. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 263–265.]

47, 48. The Admiralty Committee to consider and present to Council what part of the fleet may be forthwith ready and sent to sea, without prejudice to the main body or its fitting and hastening out, and by whom and in what manner such part may be commanded. [2 *copies.*]

Jan. 18. **49.** Order in the Irish and Scotch Committee that the annexed paper of facts touching proceedings in the business of the posts be reported to Council, and their directions desired thereon. [⅓ *page.*]

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Jan. 18. **50.** Report of the Irish and Scotch Committee to the Council of State. in the business of the posts.

On 21 March 1650, Parliament referred it to the Council of State to consider the state of the offices of postmaster, and the interests and claims therein, and how they could be best settled for the advantage of the commonwealth, and to take order for the present management thereof in the meantime.

On 21 March 1650, the Council of State ordered Attorney-General Prideaux to take care of the business of the inland post, and be accountable for the profits quarterly, and appointed a Committee to confer with him how the posts might be best managed.

On 30 Sept. 1651, Parliament revived their former order, and requested a report forthwith; and on the same day, the Council of State named a new Committee, to consider that and former orders.

On 3 October 1651, the Council of State added Sir Hen. Vane, Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, and Col. Fielder to that Committee, who met the next day, and resolved upon their days of sitting in the inner Horse chamber, to hear the claims of persons pretending any interest to the foreign and inland letter offices, or any propositions for improving and managing thereof; and directed notice to be given to Mr. Attorney, Sir David Watkins, Mr. Robinson, of the Excise Office, and Mr. Ward, and ordered a warrant to be sent to the warden of the fleet to permit Ward to attend.

On 7 Nov. 1651 the said Committee resolved that the said offices should be let to farm, and that the propositions of Col. Owen Rowe and Major Wm. Robinson, offering 10,000*l.* a year for the same, should be presented to the Council of State.

On 10 Nov. 1651 the Committee received the claim of Henry Robinson to both the offices; of Thos. Billingsley to the foreign; and of Walter Ward to both, and ordered Sir David Watkins to bring in his.

On 12 Nov. they received his claim on behalf of the infant son and heir of Mr. Witherings, and another on behalf of the creditors and children of Lord Rich, in relation to the foreign office, and reported the same to the Council of State.

On 21 March 1652, Parliament resolved that the offices of postmaster were and ought to be in the sole disposal of the House, and again referred it to the Council of State to consider the state of those offices, and the interests of the claimants; and the business coming to no issue, Mr. Robinson petitioned Council for the return of his claim, and Council ordered Mr. Lock, their clerk, to deliver back all the papers belonging to the several persons.

On 19 Oct., Mr. Challoner reported from the Council of State to the House the several claims and propositions, whereupon the House referred it back to the Council of State to consider and report how the same might be best managed for the service of the State and ease of the people, by contract or otherwise.

On 24 Nov., four days before the dissolution of the Council of State, they ordered that the carrying on of the inland and foreign posts should be managed by only such as the House authorised, and

Jan. 18. referred it to the Irish and Scotch Committee to consider how those offices might be managed; which Committee met on the 25th, and agreed to the lessening of the rates for inland letters, what should be carried free, and what respect should be had to the postmasters then employed; and that they should have the refusal of the employment; and that those terms should be proposed to those treated with concerning the inland posts, and that the Committee would sit the three following mornings on that business.

Next morning, 26 Nov., they resolved what letters should be sent free by the foreign posts, and that the persons giving in propositions for the inland and foreign letters should present their propositions apart, one for the inland, another for the foreign, and a third for both jointly; and that they would receive them on the then next Monday. Several were brought in, two for farming both and one for farming the foreign only, which the Committee agreed to consider the next morning.

On 30 Nov., the said Committee reported to the Council of State that both should be managed by way of contract, and that all their proceedings and the several propositions should also be reported to the Council of State, but no determination was made.

On 6 Dec. the House ordered the former references of this business to the late Council of State to be made to the present Council, who were also to consider the overture touching an advance of a sum of money upon the same.

On 8 Dec., the Council of State referred the whole business back to the said Committee.

On 21 Dec., the Committee resolved that the several proposers should give in their propositions as to what yearly rent they would pay, or what any of them would advance for the same.

On 23 Dec., the proposers gave in new papers, which were sealed up with the Lord General's seal, and ordered to be considered the following Tuesday, when Mr. Attorney was to attend.

On 30 Dec., the Committee considered these and other papers given in by Mr. Attorney and Mr. Scott, but not coming to any resolution, they were sealed up again, and the debate adjourned.

On 4 Jan. 1653, the Committee resumed the debate, and a paper was presented by Sir David Watkins, entitled "the State of the Foreign Letter Office," claiming a right to the same during the life of Wm. Frizell, who had assigned the same to his joint patentee, Mr. Witherings, and this was ordered to be considered at the next sitting.

On 6 Jan., Sir David Watkins brought a copy of the patent which grants the foreign letter office to Witherings and Frizell, during their lives, or the longer liver of them, and Frizell's original release to Witherings, with the witnesses thereto, *vivâ voce;* and on 13 Jan. offered two letters from Antwerp to Mr. Bostock, servant in the foreign letter office, expressing that Frizell was alive and in health, and proposed to produce a certificate, under the town seal of Antwerp, that Frizell was there alive.

Several debates and considerations have been had by the Committee since, but until a determination touching the patent and claim

thereupon, and a resolution of the question which Mr. Attorney alleges,—that the office of postmaster and carrying of letters are two distinct things, and that Parliament's resolves are not concerning the carrying of letters but the office of postmaster only,—the Committee cannot proceed upon the overtures and papers, which remain sealed up until further directions from the Council of State. [3 *pages.*]

[Jan. 19.] **51.** Petition to the Council of State of Wm. Starke and two other shipmasters of Yarmouth, who came laden with coals for London, for leave to return home 6 Jan. 1653. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 19.] **52.** Like petition of Jos. Ames, come from Barbadoes laden with sugar, and of Joseph and Wm. Waters, who came laden with fish, butter, and cheese, for leave to return to Yarmouth, 10 Jan. [¾ *page.*]

[Jan. 19.] **53.** Like petition of Roger Dugeon and 12 others, who came laden with coals, and desire to return to Newcastle for more, 18 Jan. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 19. **54.** Reference of all the above petitions to the Admiralty Committee, to consider what should be done at this time, and to report. [*Also I.* 68, *p.* 270.]

Jan. 19. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order, for better despatch of the business of the Admiralty Committee, that its sittings be in the mornings.

2. The return of the condition of the fortifications of Hull, made last year, to be looked up and brought in to Council to-morrow, that the whole business may be considered; Lt.-Col. Salmon to attend.

3. A warrant to be sent to Mr. Baker, to require Mr. Willingham's executors to deliver him the public papers in their custody that were in custody of the deceased; and he is to bring them to Mr. Thurloe, to be kept with the papers of Council.

4. The Committee of Parliament for the preservation of timber to consider the examinations taken concerning the spoils of wood in Windsor Forest.

5. The petition of Anne, widow of Lieut.-Col. Fairfax, referred to the Committee for reviewing the references to the late Committee for Examinations.

6. The petitions of the shipmasters of Sunderland, Whitby, Scarborough, and other northern ports, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to consider what should be done on their desires, and report.

7. To answer to the petition of Brian Harrison and other owners and freighters of the Unicorn, that when they have proved their case in the Admiralty Court, and bring it so proved to Council, it will be considered.

9, 10, 12, 13, 15. The petition of divers of the companies lately belonging to the Hart frigate; of Jane, wife of Edw. Battell, late quartermaster of the Garland; of Eliz. Dankin and Priscilla

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Roberts; of Wm. Greene, surgeon, for allowance for his services; and of James Lordell and Humphrey Aldington, merchants, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

11. The petition of Rich. Salter referred to the Committee for reviving references to the late Committee for Examinations, to report.

17. Also the petition of Robert Inglish, mercer of London, to consider whether the Act of Parliament mentioned therein restricts him from trade as alleged, and to report the state of the whole business.

19. The Navy Commissioners to direct their press-masters not to press out of vessels trading for coal to Newcastle any man over 45, or boy under 16, that trade may be continued, and the ships of the commonwealth be efficiently manned. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **55.**]

20. Order revoked for the Stockholm, taken at sea by a privateer, as belonging to the Dutch, and carried to Meadhole, out of command of the castles and forts, to be brought to Portsmouth and secured, with the goods, there being some gold, from embezzlement, and order passed that the Admiralty Judges proceed in that Court upon the ship and lading.

21. Col. Sidney to report to Parliament the answer to the Ambassadors from Spain and [Arch]duke Leopold. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 267–271.]

[Jan. 20.] **56.** Petition of Thos. Yoake and Hezekiah Trotter, of Yarmouth, employed to London with coals and fish, to the Council of State, for warrants to return. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 20.] **57.** Petition of Walter Elford and John Hill, merchants, for leave for their vessel the Stambolyne, laden with red herrings, ginger, lead, and cloth goods, freighted for Messina, to proceed, having 20 men and boys. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 20. **58.** Reference of both petitions to the Admiralty Committee, the former with proviso of observance of the late orders about the ages of men not to be impressed from collier ships. [¾ *pages. Also I.* 68, *p.* 273.]

Jan. 20. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To write to Col. Bingham that Council have been informed of his indisposition, and of his desire to return to England for recovery of health, and permit it, he leaving the government of the island to some trusty person.

3. To write to [Rich.] Bradshaw to signify to Mr. Robins and his son, ships' carpenters in the service of Denmark, to return to England with all speed, and on their arrival, Council will have a fitting care of them.

6, 7. The petitions of Will. Jenkins, master carpenter of the Gilly Flower; and of John Young, master of the Exchange of London, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

10. Order on the petition of Mary, wife of Sir John Wintour, on behalf of her husband, now in the Tower, that all former orders concerning him be looked up and brought before Council.

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11. The Admiralty Committee to consider how the English seamen at Morlaix and other parts of France and Flanders may be brought to England, and to undertake for the payment of sums necessary for bringing them home, and give what further directions they think fit. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **59.**]

12. The letters from the resident with the King of Denmark to be read to-morrow.

13. The petition of Richard Afflet referred to the Committee appointed to consider former references to the Committee for Examination. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 272–274.]

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Instructions by the Council of State for Thos. Fowler, Commissary of the Train of Artillery:—

1st. You are, with the wagons of the train, to repair to the garrisons of Stafford, Ludlow, Denbigh, Carnarvon, and Conway, and to remove all arms and ammunition of any kind, pioneers' tools, and other provisions of war, which the officers are required to deliver to you, leaving only enough ammunition for the present use of the guards, where any remain. The arms from Stafford are to be carried to Chester; those from Denbigh to Chester or Beaumaris, as is most convenient; those from Carnarvon and Conway to Beaumaris, and those from Ludlow to Hereford.

2nd. You are to cause an exact list to be made of all the particulars, for kind, quality, and quantity of what you take away, give one to the officer who delivers you the arms, and take one attested by him for what you receive, and you are to deliver them over by indenture, defraying the expense of carriage, and of placing them in the stores, and the storekeepers are to give you receipts therefor.

3rd. In case you find any stores of victuals remaining in any magazine on the public account, at any of these garrisons, you are to give us speedy notice, that order may be given concerning them.

4th. If you hear of any guns or other arms at any other places where garrisons have been, that have been left in time of war, and are not private property, you are to have them drawn to some of the said places, and delivered to you; and all officers are required to assist you in hiring or (if needful) impressing carriages or boats, and in what else is necessary. You are to report your proceeding from time to time to Council or the Committee for Irish and Scotch Affairs, and follow their orders. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 275, 276.]

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COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. The reference of the papers and proposals concerning settling a course of justice in Jersey, formerly made to the counsel-at-law of this Committee, revived; Mr. Bond added thereto, and they to report with speed.

2. The petition and case of Capt. William Jackett referred to the Admiralty Judges, to examine proofs of its truth, state it, and report with speed.

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4. To acquaint Council, on their reference of the petition and remonstrance of several Spanish merchants, complaining of the eluding of the Act of Navigation, that this Committee having spoken with some of them, find that their complaint is merely against the Navy Committee, and therefore this Committee has not taken it into consideration. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 48, 49.]

Jan. 21. **60.** Petition of Jeffery Dare, mariner, to the Council of State, for relief. Coming from Barbadoes, was surprised by the Dutch near Dover Road, and carried to Newhaven, whereby he lost all he possessed, value 400*l.*, and has nothing left to support himself and a wife and four children. With reference to the Admiralty Committee, to consider of some fit employment for him. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

60. I. *Remonstrance of Jeffery Dare of Redrif* [*Redruth, co. Cornwall*]. *Coming from Barbadoes in the Susan, I was surprised by the Dutch on* 15 *Dec.* 1652, *and carried to Newhaven, France, where I was kept a prisoner on board, and uncivilly used, and all my men turned on shore at Newhaven without any allowance of clothes; although I desired the Dutch general to give me our boat to put us on shore at Dover, he absolutely refused. While I was a prisoner at Newhaven, news came to the captain to repair to his general at Rochelle, and leave his prize there, whereupon I requested the captain to be set at liberty, which he refused, and said I should go with him and if he met with any opposition he would make me fight; to which I replied, I would rather be hanged than fight against my country. Considering their cruel dealings were endangering my life, I one morning got on shore at Newhaven, and thus became free of the captain, being under the protection of the French, and had relief from the Protestant Church.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *sheet.*]

Jan. 21. **61.** Reference of the above petition to the Admiralty Commissioners. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Also I.* 68, *p.* 277.]

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1. The petition of Joshua Fowler referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report on Wednesday.

2. That of John Dodd referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

4. On information that the soldiers disbanded in Scotland have not money to bring them to England, the Lord General is desired to order a fitting sum to be paid them for that purpose, which shall be repaid, on signification of the sum paid, to such person as his Lordship shall appoint.

5. The Admiralty Committee to take care that the soldiers disbanded in Scotland when they come to England, be disposed to the service of the fleet. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **62.**]

6. Col. Wauton to move Parliament for a license to export a bag or two of English wool to Leghorn, on a letter from Chas. Longland.

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8. The Ordnance Committee to consider by whose care the reparations of the town of Hull shall be carried on, and to whom the 600*l.* allowed by Council therefor shall be paid, and to report.

9. To order Lt.-Col. Kelsey to take bail of his prisoner, Rich. Warner, when he has examined him.

10. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider further their report of the 13th inst. concerning the appointing of * * * in the hands of Mr. Jackson for the emergencies of Scotland. Also to consider how a constant supply of exigent money for Council may in future be made, and to report.

11. Order, on finding great want of men for manning the ships, that the Admiralty Committee consider how a fitting proportion of soldiers may be used for the fleet, and that they communicate with the generals of the fleet concerning the apportioning of the numbers of men judged necessary for that service. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **63.**]

12. That Committee to consider the paper given in by Mr. Rowe, desiring order for convoy for provision and corn ships bound for Ireland, and to give order therein. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **64.**]

13. Col. Wauton to present and recommend to the Committee of Parliament appointed to consider such cases, the petition of Robert Raby and John Whitworth, ensigns in the late garrison of Lynn. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 277–279.]

Jan. 22. ORDERS in the ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

65. The Navy Commissioners to prepare and return a draft of instructions for boatswains, gunners, and carpenters on the State's ships. [⅔ *page.*]

66. Also to enter clerks of the check and stewards recommended by Peter Pett and Nich. Bourne, Navy Commissioners now at Chatham, for the ships designed, with the allowances and instructions ordered in Parliament 22 Dec. last. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

66. I. *List of* 27 *clerks of the check and* 14 *stewards for ships named. With note of warrant to Capt. Pett for their entry,* 24 *Jan.* 1653. [1 *sheet.*]

67. Also on a reference from Council of 20 Jan., about bringing home English seamen from Morlaix or other ports of France and Flanders, to contract with Nath. Manton to convey them to Portsmouth or the fleet, at 20*s.* a head. [⅔ *page.*]

68. Also on a letter from Gen. Blake, to take care that a competent number of able seamen be forthwith impressed and sent down to the fleet; and that the victuallers send a complete supply of iron-bound cask. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

68. I. *Gen. Rob. Blake to the Admiralty Committee. In spite of all that has been said, iron-bound cask comes slowly, and none of the victuallers appear, as promised. Although some*

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frigates have lain eight days at Gravesend to receive mariners sent down, not one has come to us or to Gravesend. The want of men and victuals is the great obstruction. Pray be earnest in hastening down the rest of the ships. Commissioner Pett will lose no time.—The Triumph, Queenborow Road, 20 *Jan.* 1653. [¾ *page, extract.*]

Jan. 24. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Thurloe to look over the petition of John Dickons and company, and the report of the Admiralty Judges on their case, and report on Wednesday.

2. Order on the petition of several Levant merchants, for liberty to bring some goods from Leghorn overland, that Thurloe look over the Navigation Act, and the powers given to Council to dispense with it, and if he finds Council not authorised to give relief in the thing desired, draw up a report of their case, and offer it to Council, to be presented to Parliament if they think fit.

3. Lord Bradshaw to make the report to Council on the old and new Draperies this afternoon.

6. The petition of the Guinea Company, and of Capt. Jas. Gobart, for a license for a French vessel to sail to the coast of Guinea, to be considered on Wednesday, and both parties to have notice to attend.

7. The Sub-committee for settling a course of justice in Jersey to meet on Saturday, in the inner horse chamber, and Commissioner Lisle to have special notice to attend.

8. The petition of Rich. Beare to be considered on Wednesday week, and some of the Portugal merchants to attend.

9. A report to be drawn up and presented to Council of the resolves of this Committee on the petition of the Levant merchants. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 50–52.]

[Jan. 24.] **69.** Petition of Rob. Rich, merchant, to the Council of State, for permission to send the Fortune and Union, 26 men each, for supply of his plantations in Barbadoes and New England. Had sent several ships out on commissions granted from the Admiralty Court, but they were stopped, and the seamen employed in this late and happy service, to his great charge and damage. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 24. **70.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to report. [½ *page. Also I.* 68, *p.* 284.]

Jan. 24. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The order of Parliament of 20 June 1649, for demolishing Tattershall Castle, the dwelling of the Earl of Lincoln, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider if any allowance should be made the Earl therefor; also to find out what damage he has sustained thereby, and to report.

2. The orders made by the late Council for moving Parliament for the maintenance of prisoners committed by Council or Parlia-

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ment to be brought in on Thursday, when that business will be considered.

3. Sir Henry Mildmay, Mr. Challoner, and Mr. Scott, appointed a Committee to meet the secretary from the Senate of Venice, peruse his powers, and receive what he has to propose for the advantage of this commonwealth, and report.

4, 5. The letter received this day from the Portugal Ambassador referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to confer with the Admiralty Judges concerning the demands before them for Portugal goods taken in Dutch bottoms, and to report; the judges and Dr. Walker to attend them at 8 a.m. on Monday.

6. To answer to the petition of Henry White, merchant, that when he has proved his losses suffered from the French in the Admiralty Court, Council will consider the matter further.

7. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider what vessels are fit to be employed as victuallers to the fleet, and to give such orders as they think fit.

8. To acknowledge to the Parliament Commissioners in Ireland their letter, and the proclamation enclosed against priests and Jesuits; also to thank them for their care for the suppression of Popery, and for the settling of that nation, and desire them to continue it.

9. The petitions of Anthony Young, late captain of the Worcester, and of John Taylor of the Laurel, to be sent to the Admiralty Judges, for them to proceed with the trial of the said captains, as desired.

11. The petition of Richard Lee referred to the Admiralty Committee.

12. That of Christ. Bransby, apprenticed in Norwich, and now prisoner there, referred to the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations, who are to take bail of the petitioner if they think fit.

13. Approval of the appointment by the Admiralty Commissioners of Captain Penn as admiral of the fleet this year.

14. Two generals only to go to sea with the part of the fleet about to sail, and the third to remain to help in the hastening out of the summer fleet. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **71.**]

15. The Admiralty Commissioners to nominate to Council a rear-admiral, and other flag officers necessary for the command of the fleet this year. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **72.**]

16. Also to repair to Chatham to have a conference with the generals of the fleet, and remain on the spot to give directions necessary for hastening out fleet. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **73.**]

17. The said generals and the Admiralty Commissioners to decide which generals go out with the fleet, and which remain behind. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **74.**]

18. Also to consider together at Chatham the list of officers of the fleet, and to send a list of persons fit to have command. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **75.**]

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19. The letter of Colonel Fitch to the Lord General, concerning the fortifications of Inverness, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to be considered immediately, and reported.

20. Viscount Lisle, Ambassador for Sweden, to receive 6,000*l.* for his expenses during six months, of which 3,000*l.* is to be paid in money here, and 3,000*l.* sent over by bills of exchange to Stockholm or Hamburg; the 6,000*l.* to be set apart for the service by Council out of their exigencies. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 282–286.]

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Whitehall.

76. Council of State to the Navy Commissioners. Hearing that Isaac Clarke's hoy, the Dorothy, being sent with water to the fleet at the buoy in the Nore, was driven upon by the Dolphin, through excess of weather, and had her masts, hull, &c. broken, the repair of which, as certified by the masters of Trinity House, will be 51*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, we desire you to order the Navy Treasurer to pay this sum to Clark. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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77. The Navy Commissioners, to contract for bringing from Ostend to Portsmouth, at 20*s.* a head, English seamen taken prisoners by the Dutch, and now starving. [1 *page.*]

78. Also to confer with the persons named in a paper annexed, and certify their opinion. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

79. Also to consider the petition to Council of the company of the Heart frigate, for payment for their clothes, lost when the ship was taken. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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80. Chas. Longland to the Navy Committee. The foul weather has hindered the return of Capt. Badiley to Porto Longone, so that the merchant ships designed there for the service have been delayed. There will be a great want of men; pray take some course for a supply of 1,000 or at least 500, which would put the merchant ships in company with the State's ships in a condition to force their passage home, and see this effected whatever it may cost.

I wrote of my readiness to serve you in the redemption of the English captives at Tripoly, whose ransoms will be 60*l.* per man, except such as were commanders or principal officers of ships, who commonly cut their own ransoms, to avoid the hardships that others endure; and let the money for that service be employed in good cloth, according to the price and sort I sent to Hugh Wood, merchant in London. I also proffered, for 60*l.* a man, to redeem and set them on shore in this city, which in regard of its free trade with Barbary, lies convenient for redeeming others from Algiers, Tunis, and Sally: it is a pity so many seamen should now lie like these, whilst their country wants their services. With copy of his letter of 10 January. [$2\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

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Leghorn.

81. Charles Longland to Robt. Blackborne. I received your letters by way of Antwerp, but those by way of France arrive

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soonest. I have written the Admiralty Committee about the redemption of the English captives in Tripoly, which will cost 60*l.* a man. I hear they intend the redemption of all those in Tunis, Algiers, and Sally, for which you say they have sufficient cash, and if all or $\frac{3}{4}$ of it were employed in good cloth, according to a factory sent to Hugh Wood, merchant, it would be very fitting for Barbary, and the other $\frac{1}{4}$th might be remitted hither by exchange.

When I have the Committee's order, I will send over a man to treat for their redemption on the best terms, for this place has correspondency with most parts of Barbary. Thanks for the book of news. I fear the wine will be spoilt, as it should have been on its way a month ago. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 24. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish, ambassador at Constantinople. We are the less pleased with your letters in regard of the continual complaint of the want of money for supplying the charge of that port, and the evil effects thereof; and on the other side, as great a complaint from the factory at Smyrna, of the excessive burdens they undergo in supplying your occasions, whereby such frequent contests happen between both factories, the evil consequences whereof reflect mainly upon us here, as by sad experience we have found.

It has been our frequent desire, by all our letters to you, to procure a mitigation of our expenses, in respect of the diminution of our trade, which is now grown to that extremity, through the obstruction made by the Dutch, both within the Straits and in our own seas, as puts us to a stand, and therefore, since your term is expired, and the juncture of affairs here will not admit the sending another to succeed you at a lesser charge, we are forced to let you know our resolution to desire you not only to content yourself with 6,000 dollars a year whilst you remain there, but to reduce the number of such as receive allowance from us, and their salaries also, not to exceed the list of salaries sent you in December 1650.

The want of your observance of this and other provisions we have here made has much troubled us, the factory there doing what they please, without the least respect to our orders. We absolutely disallow of any salary or charge given against or without our order, for though we have limited our extraordinary expenses to the consent of the major part of the factory, yet we never gave them liberty to vote away our money for gratuities, or in any other extravagant way. For the future we intreat you to use all possible frugality, which is absolutely necessary in respect of our low condition, and the obstruction of trade, the cessation whereof must put a stop to our expenses, which we cannot raise without it.

Considering our vast debt, and how long many of us have had bills of exchange (for money disbursed here on special occasions), remaining unsatisfied at Smyrna, we wonder you should find other unnecessary ways for disposing of money, and preventing our enjoyment of part of our dues, as in the matter of the fines imposed on such as adhered to Sir Hen. Hyde, expressly towards defrayment

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Jan. 24. of some of the charge they occasioned. We see little cause why they should be remitted, the reason you give being grounded upon a mistake of liberty granted to those of that faction sent hither, whereof the principal having lost his life, the others remain still under bail, and are not acquitted; we doubt whether they had been capable of this favour of bail, but we confess we were not very forward to prosecute them, lest it might have cost their lives also. Our desire that you would take the factors into your favour, on their submission, may very well consist with the detention of their fines received before.

The like exception we have against your allowance to your servants sent to England, and the manner of enforcing it by the imprisonment of our treasurer, who thought it but reasonable that we should be the disposers of our own money, especially knowing that we had here gratified Mr. Jackson sufficiently. We desire to prevail with you more punctually to observe our orders, and not tax us with any intent of making the least division thereby, we having provided for all occasions, both common and extraordinary.

We are well satisfied with your endeavours touching the Flower de Luce, though without success, and believe the remedy you propound, of taking those Tripoli rovers, would be to as little purpose; they would evade it on pretence of being subjects to the Grand Seignior, although pirates now.

We thank you for excluding insolent factors from courts; for Mr. Shephard's liberty; for your opposition of the insolent demands of the Customer for double customs; and of the Jew's pretence upon Mr. Modiford; and for your trouble in reference to Aleppo, whose condition we much pity, and beg you to remedy as there may be opportunity. As for Frampton and Davies, if after releasement, and so often invitations to appear, they obstinately refuse, let the blame rest upon themselves, let them give an account to their principals. Touching Mr. Pearle and his Jew brokers, we have acquainted his brother here with your advice, and he intends to order Wm. Pearle to apply to you for direction and assistance.

We take notice of your trouble about Fothersgate and Gallile, and as we have been no way accessory to their employment in the Venetian service, we are loth to hazard the estate and persons of the English there by intermeddling, as a company, for their release, but leave you to do what in charity to Christians may be done with safety. We have taken much pains in soliciting our State for a prohibition of English ships in that service, and have now a petition depending before the Council of State to that effect, whereof we expect a return. However, we pray you to preserve our estates secure from any pretence which may be made on this occasion, by satisfying the Turks how distasteful the matter is to us, as well as to themselves.

Concerning the late consul at Cairo, and the appointment of another to succeed him, the company never held it fit to settle a consul there, nor had they any hand in his establishment, nor any correspondence with him, nor intend to meddle therein hereafter.

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Leave both the debt of the former consul and the settlement of another to the Turks, and do not interpose. To Zamback, the dragoman, who has been an ancient servant to the company, and suffered so much in their service as has disabled him for the future, we have ordered 100 dollars a year in charity. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 203–206.]

Jan. 24. London. Levant Company to Jonathan Dawes, treasurer at Constantinople. We have referred your accounts to two of our company, and are well content with your frugality and care in our affairs, and with your refusing to give bills as a gratuity to the Ambassador's servants sent to England on Sir Hen. Hyde's business, whom we had rewarded here, and therefore they needed no further remuneration. We are also sorry for your discouragements by the return of your bills from Smyrna. We have only one complaint, viz., your refusal to accept the office of treasurer at our appointed allowance of 500 dollars a year, which we could not have expected any of our factors there would decline, though at a less or even without allowance, for so short a time, especially considering the low condition of the company, and their great debts and constant leviations, besides the small trouble the treasurer has of late been put to at that port: 500 dollars is what we can afford you for your past service, nor shall we give more hereafter to any that succeed you; we hope you will content yourself therewith, and continue in the employment. We desire you to receive for us from Mr. Erisey, Mr. Gough's assignee, the old vests you mention, and to pay Zamback, the old dragoman, who is disabled from further service, 100 dollars a year. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 207.]

Jan. 24. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, consul at Smyrna. We are glad you have recovered from your dangerous sickness, and are able to perform our affairs. We are sensible what trouble and fears you have had, by reason of our ships serving the Venetians, and have not omitted all means to obtain a prohibition from hence, to which end our petition, seconding many former ones, now lies before the Council of State, and we shall urge their resolution as soon as may be. We shall also urge the avoiding the precedent of restoring the Armenian goods taken by our State's frigates upon Capt. Odree, for which our petition lies also before them, and we believe care will be taken that it is not brought into precedent hereafter.

As for the factors' payment of half leviations only, we observe the reasons given by you and them for it, but cannot assent thereto, as we have written them, and expect their conformity to our former order.

For supply of the place of minister there, we have chosen Dr. Thomas Browne, who will come over when the times shall be quiet. Till then, we hold it unseasonable to do ought in what you propound touching a trade to Scala Nova.

We notice your trouble concerning the employment of treasurer, and on what terms Saml. Pentlow and Rich. Hardy have undertaken

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it for one year, ending 20 June 1653, against which time we shall appoint others to succeed them.

As for the fines taken of such as adhere to Sir Hen. Hyde, which his Lordship has ordered them back again, we never gave order for the remission thereof, they being only towards defrayment of that vast charge occasioned by themselves, by extravagance, which having so much increased the great debt we lie under, it had been soon enough, after the clearing thereof and of our bills which have so long remained unsatisfied there, to have thought of restoring fines.

We are glad these bills have at last begun to be paid, and hope they will shortly be fully cleared, wherein we doubt not your assistance.

We observe your care about the provisions for our men-of-war about the estate of Breakes, deceased, and in pacifying the Bassa of Thyatira, touching his pretence of port charges. We are very sensible of the opportunity which our want of trade and shipping there affords the Hollanders to settle themselves and advance their trade, and of your enforcement thereupon to raise a loan, to which we expect there be an equal contribution by all, or the penalty provided in that case by our former order put in execution; but we hope none will be so refractory, but submit to what really conduces to the support of our trade. We the more confidently expect their conformity as the State here has noticed their former misdemeanors, your resolution concerning whom we well approve of. Our debts and great charge, trade being obstructed by the Hollanders, both in the Straits and here, compel us to abate our expense, and to diminish all extraordinary salaries. We desire you to content yourself with your 2,000 dollars a year, without putting anything else to account without our special order; if there be any supernumerary officers that may be spared, dismiss them until better times, and to such as you need, exceed not the allowance prescribed by us in our list sent in Dec. 1650, and generally use all frugality in our affairs.

We enclose exceptions that we have taken to Mr. Barnardiston's accounts. Of the 6 dollars per cloth taken on the Sampson and Phœnix, 4 being only for leviations, on which interest is allowed until repaid, we have thought fit that for the other 2 dollars also, interest of 8 per cent. be paid, as also for what moneys the factors have or may disburse upon any of our occasions, on which we will allow 8 per cent.

We remind you of our order respecting the rates and fees of that Custom House, and to send us a list thereof, for want of which we are abused by many of the factors, who bring to our account double what they really pay there. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 208–210.]

Jan. 24. London. Levant Company to the factors at Smyrna. We have received your and the consul's letter touching your payment of half leviations only upon your own goods, which we wonder you should so much insist on, considering how little reason we have to admit thereof, whatever your pretences are, whether the expense of Con-

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stantinople (to the creating whereof we have been as little accessor's as you), or the bills sent from England on account of the societyy business or otherwise, whereof nothing being as yet paid, there is little reason of complaint, or the disturbance by Sir Hen. Hyde, whereby the company are not to be charged, and we wish many of you in that factory were as guiltless.

However, if the trade must bear the burden of debts contracted therein, all the traders should equally contribute thereto, the privilege belonging to us as merchants, and not to you as factors and servants; if you will be merchants also, you should not think much of subjecting yourselves to proportionable payments with us at least, if no more. You, by yours of 7 Oct., hinted a cause why we may not lose any part from duties, namely, our great debts, want of shipping, and the intrusion of the Hollanders into our trade. They have occasioned an extraordinary obstruction, yet we hope our State will be able shortly to clear the seas, and vindicate both this trade and its own reputation; against which time there is the African full laden, and two or three other ships which will shortly after be ready to come for Smyrna, and help towards the maintenance of our charge, which might be borne with more facility by your unanimous observance of our orders. This we had rather you did voluntarily than by compulsion from us or the State, of whose readiness to grant anything that may support our trade and our company we have not the least doubt, whatever conceits some of you may entertain to the contrary. Let your conformity and friendly compliance, in these times of necessity, be the sole motive to us to ease you in your proper estates and charges, when it shall please God to send us better seasons. We have received the letters and accounts of Francis Hill and Wm. Alvey, the late treasurers, and of Richard Hardy and Samuel Pentlow, the present treasurers, who we hope will carefully manage our affairs, and use all possible frugality. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 211, 212.]

[Jan. 25.] **82.** Petition of Nath. Goodlad and Walter Elford, owners and freighters of the Stambooleene, to the Council of State for leave for the ship now in the Thames to depart to Italy, with 20 men and a boy. Part of her lading being red herrings, which are perishable, the mere delay will be an absolute loss, and the ship is built, for safety, to use oars as well as sails. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 25. **83.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 68, *p.* 292.]

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1. The petition of Ellen Lovell referred to the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations, to report.

2. That of Capt. Wm. Jacob referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

3. The information given to Council by Walter Basbee, about transportation from Wales to the United Provinces of considerable

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quantities of Mine royal referred to the Mint Committee, to consult Dr. Gurdon, and report.

4. The information given by Major-General Desborow about the western ports referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to confer with him thereupon, and report.

5. The letter from the justices of peace for co. Bedford, about Mr. Goulston, recommended to the Parliamentary Committee for Excise, as belonging to their jurisdiction.

6. To acknowledge the letter of the said justices, and report what Council has done thereupon.

7. Order on the petition of Edward Gibbons, that the Committee for Foreign Affairs report with speed, it having been formerly referred to them.

8, 9. The paper read, in answer to the last paper given in by the public minister of France, approved, and to be delivered to him by the appointed Committee, who are to meet him at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Whitehall, and Fleming to give him notice, and bring him to the place.

10. Lords Commissioners Whitelock and Lisle to hasten to Parliament the report of an Act for settling the Trinity House.

11. To answer the petition of Nathaniel Temms, that Council cannot meddle in the matter, which must be decided by law.

12. The paper for the remanding aboard all seamen in the service referred to the Admiralty Committee, to confer with the Navy Commissioners about furnishing men for the fleet, and about the means most fit for effecting it. Colonel Wauton to take care thereof.

13. Order that the Generals of the fleet give a commission to Captain Wm. Penn, nominated by the Admiralty Commissioners, and approved by Council, as rear-admiral, and the Admiralty Commissioners are to acquaint him therewith. [*Also Vol. XXXII., No.* **84.**]

14. Maj.-Gen. Skippon added to the Council for Foreign Affairs.

15. The Admiralty Judges to hasten the determination of that Court about two ships containing gold, taken coming from Guinea, on suspicion of being Dutchmen's goods, and to report to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

16. Captain Seaman, nominated captain of the Tiger by the Admiralty Commissioners, approved, and to receive a commission from the General of the fleet. [*Also Vol. XXXII., Nos.* **85, 86.**]

17. Approval of the nomination by the Admiralty Commissioners of the following captains, and the generals of the fleet to give them commissions: Wm. Goodson to the Entrance; Joseph Cubitt to the Tulip; Anthony Kirk to the Speaker's Prize; Robert Taylor to the Raven.

18. The debenture, brought as a report from the Committee for reviving references to the late Committee for Examinations, and belonging to Mrs. Fairfax, to be sent to the registrar accountant of Worcester House, who is to examine it, and deliver it to the party claiming it, if he think fit, or else report.

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19. The report of the Committee for Foreign Affairs about the clothiers to be brought to Council to-morrow.

20. To write to the officers of the western ports that no ships may proceed upon their voyages to the Isle of May until further orders, as the seas are in much danger from the enemy.

21. The Irish and Scotch Committee to send for the officer of the train of artillery who commands the train horses, and tell him to take care of the horses, that they receive the full allowance made by the State, as Council has heard that many have died of hunger, and the rest been disabled from their work.

22, 27. The petitions of Mary, widow of Captain Robert Dennis, and of Edward Custis, merchant, referred to the Admiralty Committee to report.

23. The return from Newgate, of priests and Jesuits now there, referred to the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations.

24. To answer the petitions of Stephen Hill and Thos. Mason, that Council will consider the matter when the petitioners have imported the camphire mentioned therein.

25. Colonel Robert Lilburne's letter from Dalkeith of Jan. 7, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consult thereon with Major-General Deane. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 288–292.]

Jan. 26. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lord Bradshaw to be chairman of this Committee for a month to come.

2. Mr. Thurloe to draw up a report of what he has now offered about furnishing masts and tar from Scotland, and bring it in to this Committee on Friday, for their further approbation.

4. The petition of the Guinea Company and Capt. Jas. Gobert to be considered on Friday, both parties to have notice.

5. The instructions for Viscount Lisle to be reported to Council this afternoon, with the opinion that John Dury and — Ingelo should go with him as chaplains. Also a request that the 3,000*l.* ordered him be speedily issued out of Council's exigencies. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 53, 54.]

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1. Lord Bradshaw to be president for the month to come.

2. The petition of Rachel, widow of Capt. Hoxon, commander of the Anthony Bonadventure, and slain in the late encounter off Dungeness, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to examine what her husband lost aboard the ship, and also what should be done for her relief, and to report.

3. The draft of the Act concerning the manufacture of wool to be read this day week.

4. The Acts prepared in Council for presentation to Parliament, to be read twice on two several days, before they be reported.

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5. The draft of the Act for clerk of the market to be enquired after and brought to Council.

6. The letter from Lord Fairfax from York of Jan. 21, and also Council's letter to him in reference to the Isle of Man, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to confer with Jas. Challoner, and hear those sent from the island thereon.

8. The order of Council, for not impressing more than one fourth of the men out of all vessels outward bound to the northern ports, suspended until further notice.

9. The petition of Capt. John Owen referred to the Ordnance Committee, to consider whether the guns therein mentioned are fit for service, and if not, to direct an advantageous sale of them.

10. The petition of Wm. Mihill and others referred to the Admiralty Committee.

12. Thurloe to look into the sufficiency of the bail whereupon Major Humphrey Boswell prays for liberty from the Tower, and give directions and report to Council.

13. Order on the petition of Major John Ogleby, Edward Postgate, and Ralph Slee, prisoners in York gaol, that the governor of Clifford's Tower examine them, and report his opinion concerning them.

14. To answer to the petition of Samuel Mico, that Council cannot intermeddle, but he must take his course according to law.

15. Mr. Gurdon to move Parliament to appoint a day of special public humiliation, before the sending out of the fleet, to implore God's blessing on their counsels and forces, by land and sea. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 296–299.]

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Whitehall.

Proclamation by the Council of State. As divers seamen in the service absent themselves, and neglect their duty, and others that are pressed have not yet appeared, all officers and seamen are to repair on board their ships now in Tilbury Hope between this and Saturday next, under the penalties of the Articles of War; all seamen not yet entered into the service are to repair to Trinity House, Ratcliffe, before Jan. 31, to list for the service, on pain of being proceeded against as enemies. The marshal of the Admiralty to make this proclamation. [*I.* 68, *p.* 299.]

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87. Council of State to the Master and wardens of Watermen's Hall. Council having considered how the service may be best supplied with seamen out of the Thames watermen, empowers you, on receipt of warrants for allotting watermen for the service out of those belonging to your hall, to elect such as you think most able, and give them tickets and conduct money; if any, after due notice, refuse or absent themselves from the service, they shall forfeit the liberty of rowing on the Thames, and you are to deprive them thereof accordingly. For better execution thereof, you are to give notice, from time to time, to the Navy Commissioners, when you call your Hall, that they may appoint two or more able persons to be present at it.

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As the service requires that the ships of war now in the Hope, that are to go out to sea, be speedily supplied, you are to call a Hall forthwith, prick 500 watermen, able seamen, give them tickets and press and conduct money to repair aboard the ships in the Hope, and return a list of their names to the Navy Commissioners, within 24 hours of their election. [1½ *pages. Also I.* 68, *pp.* 301, 302.]

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2. Whitelock being ill, Lechmere to report to Parliament the Bill of oblivion for Scotland, with the desires of the deputies for protection during their present attendance; and concerning sheriffs and commissaries in Scotland.

3. Mr. Downing to attend this Committee on Friday. [*I.* 138, *p.* 49.]

Jan. 27. **88.** Petition of Major Wm. Harding to the Council of State, for the Diamond, or some other frigate of the western guard, to convoy three months' pay for the forces at Jersey and Guernsey, now ready at Weymouth to be transported, as it is of considerable value, and its loss would be very prejudicial. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to appoint a convoy as desired. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 27. **89.** Reference of the above to the Admiralty Committee, to consider of some fit ship. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 68, *p.* 308.]

Jan. 27. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. All petitions concerning losses suffered by the English from the depredations of the French to be kept together, and a brief taken of them, and presented to Council when the business is taken in hand.

2. The papers brought in by some of the Militia Committee for London referred to the Committee appointed for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations.

3. Such members of Council as were in the Committee for Examinations appointed by the late Council, added to the Committee for reviving references made to the said Committee, and Col. Morley added also.

5. Mr. Thurloe to prepare the letter to Archduke Leopold, this day passed in Parliament, for the signature of Mr. Speaker, and Fleming to send it to the Spanish Ambassador, that he may forward it.

6. The appointed Committee to meet the public minister of the King of France to-morrow at 4 p.m.; Fleming to give him notice and conduct him.

7. Col. Morley and Lord Grey added to the Committee to treat with the King of France's minister, and this Committee to receive from the agent of the Prince of Condé what he has to offer, and to report it.

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8. The letter from the gentlemen of Norfolk, concerning the holding of the assizes in a convenient place, referred to the Lords Commissioners of the Seal, who are to confer with the judges of the sessions thereon, that convenient places may be appointed for that whole county, as also for cos. Salop and Stafford.

9. Extracts of the intelligence from the United Provinces to be made and sent to the Generals of the fleet.

11. Lord Grey, Sir John Trevor, and Col. Morley to be a Committee to examine Col. Morley's proposition concerning the public service; 20*l.* to be paid out of the exigent moneys for making a trial thereof, and an account to be given to Council.

12. Col. Norton to present to Parliament the list of prisoners now in the Tower, and the account of the Marshal-General of the expense of keeping Scotch prisoners, and to move that some order may be taken either for discharging or providing for those prisoners in the Tower, and other prisons about London and other places of the nation, who are not able to maintain themselves.

13. Sir Wm. Masham, Col. Fielder, and Sir John Trevor, added to the Scotch and Irish Committee.

14. Sir Hy. Mildmay added to the Committee to treat with the French minister.

15. The papers sent from Parliament concerning the Samson, Salvador, and George referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, who are to prepare them to be presented to Parliament by Wednesday next.

16. Mr. Frost to sum up the Marshal-General's last account for keeping the Scotch prisoners, and report to Council the sum due to him thereupon.

17. The former allowance made to Major-Gen. Robert Monroe, prisoner in the Tower, for his subsistence, to be continued.

18. Mr. Frost to examine what is due to Mr. Weckerlyn for service to Council last year, and to pay him out of Council's contingencies.

19. The petition of Thos. Waller referred to the Scotch and Irish Committee.

20. Mr. Thurloe to consider the petition of William Horne, merchant of Southampton, and to appoint the proportions of the goods desired by him, and thereupon to prepare a license for their importation.

21. The bonds given in by Harry Tyrrell, for his appearance in Council, to be delivered up to him, and he dismissed from further attendance.

22. The petition of Jacob de Vooz referred to the Admiralty Committee.

23. The printed paper brought in to-day, containing scurrilous matter against the Dutch men, referred to the Committee appointed for putting in force the late Act for regulating the press, who are to make enquiry for the author, printer, and publisher, and to report.

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24. The petition of John Lamot and others to be considered when businesses of that nature are treated with the French minister.

25. That of Edward Marston referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report what should be done, considering he has been disabled by wounds in the service.

26. That of Andrew Eburne referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report what should be done for his relief. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 303–307.]

Jan. 27. Warrant by the Council of State to John Jackson, to pay, from the balance of an account delivered by him 15 Jan. to the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries, 2,500*l.* to Gualter Frost for exigencies of Council, and to issue the remainder 4,521*l.* 12*s.* 1½*d.* on special warrant of Council [*I.* 104, *p.* 22.]

Jan. 28. **90.** Order in Parliament referring to the Excise Committee the petition of the clothiers of the old and new Drapery, woollen drapers, mercers, hosiers, and other dealers, in behalf of themselves and the many thousands who subsist on woollen manufactures, to consider the value of the excise thereon, and how it may be taken off, and the amount raised by excise on other commodities. Meanwhile they are not to farm the excise on cloth and woollen stuff till further order. [1 *page. Printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. VII., p.* 252.]

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2. The account of Portugal prizes given in by the Collectors for Prize Goods to be returned to them, to add any things that have been omitted, and to bring it in on Tuesday.

3. The Admiralty Judges then to bring in the case of the Samson, Salvador, and George, avowed under their hands.

5. To report to Council on the petition of Edw. Rigby,—complaining of wrong in a plantation in America called the province of Legonia, and desiring Council to send for the persons to appear here, or to issue a commission for hearing the case there,—that on account of the distance, a commissioner should be sent thither, and they have appointed Rigby to give in the names of some persons out of whom Council may choose commissioners.

6. Mr. Bond and four others to consider the petition of John Dodd, and hear what he has to offer about putting the matter in execution, meeting him on Tuesday. Dodd is to have notice to attend them, and they are to report their proceedings, and opinion.

7. Thurloe to settle the difference between the Guinea Company and Capt. Jas. Gobart, about the protection desired by Gobart for a French ship to the coast of Guinea.

9. Thurloe to speak further with fit persons on the furnishing masts from Scotland, and particularly to enquire the charge of putting it in execution, and report next meeting. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 55–59.]

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1. Order on the petition of Capts. Charles Saltonstall, Young, and Taylor, that the Admiralty Judges try them and the other captains committed, according to law and justice.

3. Mr. Durie and Mr. Ingelo to be informed that they are to go chaplains with Viscount Lisle to Sweden.

4. Sir Wm. Masham to present to Parliament the letters out of Ireland, from Commissary-Gen. Reynolds and Col. Stubbers to Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood, dated the 15th and 16th instant, and the articles for rendering the islands of Arran.

5. The bond entered into by Col. Oliver FitzWilliams, by order of Council, to be looked up, and brought into Council.

6. The petition of Joshua Fugill referred to the Committee for reviving former references to the late Committee for Examinations.

7. Order on the petition of Henry Caarlof, that a copy of the letter from the Queen of Sweden desired by him be made out, and delivered to him.

8. The petition of the Scotch prisoners in York referred to the Committee which sits in the Horse chamber, to report.

9. Those of Peter Cole and Major John Harris, concerning printing, referred to the Committee of Council for that business.

10. Col. Sidney to report to Parliament the instructions now read for the Ambassador for Sweden.

11. Sir James Harrington to make his report concerning the business of the Mint on Thursday.

12. Lord Grey added to the Mint Committee.

13. Mr. Thurloe to write to the Mayor of Gravesend according to what has been sent to other justices of the peace, about sending in men to the fleet.

14. Col. Purefoy added to the Committee appointed to meet the Secretary from Venice.

15. The Committee of Foreign Affairs to prepare private instructions for Viscount Lisle for his embassy into Sweden, and to confer with him, and report the instructions to Council.

16. Lord Lisle to attend the Committee for Foreign Affairs on Tuesday.

17. To acknowledge the letter from the Admiralty Commissioners from Chatham, and to say that last Monday's votes empower them to appoint which two of the generals of the fleet now go out, and which remains ashore for hastening of the summer's fleet, and to give such orders as they think fit; and those appointed are to consider the call good and sufficient, and undertake their respective charges.

18 The petition of Sir Wm. Constable referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

19. The paper given by the secretary of Venice to the Committee appointed to meet him, and by them brought into Council, referred to the Foreign Affairs' Committee.

20. The paper concerning Lundy Island referred to the Irish

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and Scotch Committee, who are to confer with the Lord General concerning the securing thereof, and to report.

21. The letters and papers from [Rich.] Bradshaw, now resident in Denmark, referred to Council by Parliament, referred to the Foreign Affairs' Committee, to proceed according to the order of Parliament.

22. The Admiralty Judges to state to Council the case of a galliot hoy of Sweden, discharged by sentence of that Court, which is since seized upon by a private man-of-war commanded by Capt. Caryll, and brought into the river. The judges are to certify what security the private man-of-war gave, upon going to sea.

23. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare an answer to the paper sent in by M. de Bordeaux.

24. The letters credential from the senate of Hamburg to Parliament referred to the Foreign Affairs' Committee. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 309, 312.]

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Whitehall.

Council of State to the Admiralty Judges. We are informed, by the petition of John Freeman and Adam Jennings, that they, trading with Norway and Denmark, have most of their estates there, in pitch, tar, deal, &c., and by reason of the present differences, no ships, English or Danish, dare adventure to bring the goods to England; therefore they beg leave to send 2 or 3 of the Denmark ships detained here to Norway, to fetch the said goods. They are to have license to send the St. John of Frederickstadt, and the Justice of Copenhagen, on security that the ships shall be employed on no other service, and shall return hither—the danger of the seas or the staying of the ships by special order from the King of Denmark excepted. [*I.* 68, *p.* 313.]

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Council of State to the generals of the fleet and commanders at sea. Richard Girling and other owners of the Peter of Dieppe represent that the ship was seized by some of the Parliament fleet, on her voyage from Nantes to England—brought to judgment in the Admiralty Court, and restored to the owners; that she has again gone to Nantes, is laden and ready to return, and desires a protection. She is therefore to be free of molestation this voyage, but no longer. [*I.* 68, *p.* 314.]

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3. Order that Mr. Bowles, clerk in Chancery, attend this Committee on Tuesday, with some commissions granted by Queen Elizabeth for suppressing moss troopers on the borders of Scotland, and some issued by James for suppressing them on the borders of England and Scotland.

4. Mr. Downing to attend the next sitting. [*I.* 138, *p.* 51.]

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Committee to confer with the Scotch Deputies to the Commissioners for Administration of Justice in Scotland. In pursuance of the

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order of Parliament, we desire you to certify the nature of the vassalage and bondage tenures of the people of Scotland, the nature of all feu duties, and what dependence the people there have upon any their superiors.

With note of like letter to the Commissioners for forfeited Estates. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 48–50.]

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1. Mr. Scott to make suitable abstracts of the intelligence now read by him, to send to the generals of the fleet.

2. To write Capt. Hatsell to acknowledge his letter of the 27th, concerning the contract made by him for tar and deals brought in to Plymouth in a Lubecker, and about the Mayor of Plymouth, and two merchants' carriage in that business, and to let him know that Council approves what he has done, and to desire him to take the deals and tar into the stores, and to pay the money contracted for to the ships.

3. To write to the two next justices of the peace to examine the business of Capt. Hatsell concerning the matter in the above order, and to send the examinations to Council.

4. On consideration of the whole business of the fleet now before them, Council desires all three generals to go to sea upon the present expedition.

5. Order that there be one secretary for the three generals, and the Admiralty Commissioners to allow him a sufficient salary.

6. Francis Harvey, late secretary to General Blake, not to be employed in service of the fleet.

7. Capt. Benjamin Blake to be discharged from present command in the fleet, and not employed in the service.

8. The resolutions of Council passed this evening, concerning the affairs of the fleet, to be communicated to the Admiralty Commissioners and Generals of the fleet, who are to put them into execution.

9. Major Blake recommended to the Lord General for employment. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 315–6.]

Jan. 29. **91.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners and Treasurer cause allowance of pay for the next year to be made to as many midshipmen as the Generals of the fleet think needful, not exceeding the proportions allowed by Parliament in the Act for encouragement of mariners, viz., 1st rank, 20 men; 2nd, 16; 3rd, 12; 4th, 8; 5th, 6; 6th, 4. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 29. / Feb. 9. The Paragon, Porto Longone. **92.** Capt. Rich. Badiley to the Navy Committee. I conducted the merchant ships to Porto Ferraro, where they are landing their goods. I have affirmed Mr. Longland's bills, and doubt not order will be given for their payment. I hear Captains Cox and Reeves are imprisoned at Naples, for not complying with the Vice-King's humour. Our frigates some weeks since took a Dutch ship built in Holland, and fighting under the Prince of Orange's colours, and

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although the master stated she belonged to Horne in Holland, the Vice-King would have her commander give in security to stand to the arbitration of a trial at law whether she is prize or not. With copy of the letter of $\frac{14}{24}$ January. [$2\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*]

Jan. 30. / Feb. 10. The Paragon, Port of Longone.

93. Capt. Rich. Badiley to [the Navy Committee]. Since my last, seeing we could not break through the enemy from Leghorn, because of the disproportion of strength, I returned for Porto Longone, whence I set sail for Porto Ferraro, with the Mary Rose, William and Thomas, and Thomas Bonadventure, which was brought under this convoy from Scanderoon and Smyrna, that they might land their goods, and be impressed into the service, and they are now delivering accordingly.

Being advised that the Great Duke had caused more guns to be planted in Leghorn Mould, and that his soldiers had refused to suffer our men to cast off their freights from the Mould, after he had received a letter from the person called Charles II., I did not think it convenient that the ship I am upon should likewise remain under his command, and so returned to Porto Longone, when I received the enclosed from Charles Longland, confirming what is related about those foreign Princes. Considering what presumption it was of the King of Naples to imprison the commanders of the frigates and divers others of our nation, on no other score than what is therein signified, I knew not what it meant or presaged, in order to a breach with us and Spain, and therefore was marching out of this port also, being only a single man-of-war, to seek shelter elsewhere, until our scattered fleet could be got together; but meantime five of the best Dutch men-of-war entering this port, and six more being in sight, my design was prevented. Although the Vice-King has ordered the Governor of this fort to stop or sequester what English goods are landed, because of the discontent given him by our commanders refusing to submit to his pleasure, yet the Governor, who seems to be our special friend, told me there was no order to meddle with what is floating. I have written the Vice-King something that may tend to moderation, and suppose that thereupon the captains will be set at liberty. However, the Parliament affairs are like to suffer by their restraint, for if this had not fallen out, I might have expected the frigates here by this. I hear that they have been in action, and taken a Dutch ship with 300 tons of corn upon the Calabria shore; also that they have had a dispute with two Dutch men-of-war and four merchantmen, and chased them into Messina.

The state of Genoa has lately imprisoned one Ellam, an English merchant of that place, because he would not comply with their commands for giving security that the ship Lowis, lately impressed into the service, should not depart within 24 hours after a French ship; and yet in this place, after several petitions to the Prince that the Dutch might be required to ride still while an English merchant ship went forth, I see nothing done therein; but I am sure an English mariner, at the instance of the Dutch our enemies, has been put to the torture without just cause.

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I fear one cause of our nation's undervaluing is that, whereas they have been talking of succour coming from one quarter of a year to another, in order that these ships, blocked up by the Dutch, may pass away, yet none appears, causing them to believe England is so low as not to be able to relieve us.

The Dutch have 27 men-of-war in these parts, and a fire-ship of from 44 to 30 guns, and six are gone to lie at the entrance to the Gulf of Venice, to hinder the coming of some merchant ships impressed into the service; whether there will be four or six is not yet known, many delays having been made, after divers overtures for their encouragement. Besides the two Dutch ships of war at Messina, the rest lie in Leghorn Road, and between this and Genoa, so as to hinder our conjunction, if frigates come abroad to us with supernumeraries to man merchant ships. If they have not departed, they had better come for Porto Ferraro or Porto Longone, so as to avoid any hazard of the enemy; if I proceed elsewhere, orders shall be left with the Governors of each place how they may meet with me. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 31. Leghorn. **94.** Charles Longland to the Navy Committee. Capt. Badiley left here five days since by land for Porto Longone, the weather by sea having long been contrary. I hope soon to hear that he has put the merchant ships there in readiness, but there will be a want of men, which makes those ships insufficient to redeem themselves; two good three-deck ships with 500 men would well man all these merchant ships.

Two Dutch ships have arrived from Holland, who came out with Van Tromp; another ship of 900 tons they left at Cadiz, with ammunition, provisions, and men for supply of about a dozen of the Dutch here and abroad.

Enclosed are the receipts for advance money paid to the captains of ships, but there are others to come from Naples or Venice. I have paid more than the 32,000 dollars which I drew upon you. The ships at Venice will not be content with less than three months' pay, especially the Freeman and Northumberland, so that there will be occasion for 15,000 dollars more for those ships, and 10,000 for those in Porto Longone, which sums I may draw upon you by the next.

As to what I wrote concerning the redemption of the English captives in Barbary, when you state you will have it done, I will send over a man to treat with the Bashaw of each place, and especially at Tripoli, for there all the English are his, and I can better treat with him for them at a lump. In Tunis and Algiers the slaves are in particular men's hands; by making some means to the Bashaw or Dey, which must be by a present, they will force their patrons to let them go at the price they cost. If you will let three-fourths of the money designed for this service be laid out in cloth, and the other quarter be in pieces of eight, it will be the readiest way to accomplish this charitable work. With copy of letter of 24 January. [3 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

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94. I–V. *Receipts by Capts. John Wood of the Pilgrim, Wm. Elle of the Lewis, Edm. Seaman of the Samson, Gilbert Roope of the Mary, and Stephen Marsh of the Levant Merchant, from Chas. Longland, of commissions from Council of* 13 *Sept.* 1652, *to serve them with ship and men.—Leghorn,* 1, 16, *and* 29 *Nov.* 1652.

94. VI–X. *Receipts by Elle of* 2,000 *dollars, Seaman* 4,000, *Roope* 3,000, *Wood* 3,200, *and Marsh* 2,000, *on account for the above service.—Leghorn,* 21 *Dec.* 1652 *and* 17 *Jan.* 1653.

Jan. 31. Custom House, Newcastle. **95, 96.** Information by Geo. Dawson, collector. I am informed that the mariners on board the Briar frigate, Capt. Sansom, commander, and now in Tynemouth Haven, have sold to William Lowson of Sunderland, 28 barrels of ropes, mostly new, three casks of beef, one of peas, and another with other provisions; and that they proffered to sell two or three barrels of gunpowder to another man, which some conceive the captain was not ignorant of, and it is to be feared the State suffers deeply in this kind, by such people in their service. Captain Sansom came as convoy of the Lynn fleet to this place, and took a man-of-war belonging to Flushing, of 15 guns, which he brought into this harbour. He was easily taken, for that very day, he had taken so many English ships coming from Yarmouth and other places towards Newcastle, that he had put all his seamen excepting about 10 or 12 aboard his prizes, and most of them got away, so that the Flushinger yielded without giving one shot, for his 30 soldiers aboard, and his 10 or 12 seamen durst not fight. The taking of the Flushinger will, no doubt, be looked upon as good service, but selling the State's provisions out of the State's ships is of evil consequence. [2 *copies.*]

Jan. 31. Sandwich. **97.** John Wollters to Capt. Ball, of the Lion. I went to London for the money due for services to the State, and attained it, and afterwards was introduced to Col. Pride, who recommended me to the Admiralty Committee for further employment. After waiting some time, I received a promise that put me in hopes of receiving the command of one of the State's ships, and was desired to return home, but have not since heard anything. I hope I have not been such a bad instrument to the present Government as to be cast on one side, when men that are profane are provided for, and put into ships. Pray remember me to General Blake, and tell him why I did not come down to him, according to promise, being much concerned about my money, and advised not to come away without it. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 31. **98.** Thomas Leverington to Capt. Andrew Ball, of the Lion. I hope you will not believe the unfounded aspersions against me, but will plead my innocence, as I know it is ingrafted in you to do good, and to support the fallen, and rarely to take offence at small failings. Next to God, you have been the only means of enabling me and my family to subsist. It is true I had the charge of all things in the ship, but before we get home, some of the Hopeful Luke's men, who helped

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us to bring in the ship, consented together one night to break into the hold, and opened a great bundle of taffetas, silk, plushes, silk stockings, and beads, to the value of many hundred pounds. Hearing the keys of the hold, I went down, and told Capt. Clarke, when he and I made a search, found most of the goods, and restored them; and when we came into the Downs, he acquainted Col. Popham, and satisfied him concerning my honest care therein. I have always been faithful, and injured myself by lifting a piece of ordnance in the late fight with the Flemings. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 31. Excise Office. **99.** Report of the Excise Commissioners, on the order of the Excise Committee, for them to consider how the value of the excise intended by Parliament to be taken off cloth may be raised by excise upon other commodities.

That saltery wares imported, and formerly paying 6*d.* in the pound, pay 1*s.*

That Spanish cotton, and all other wools imported, be charged 1*s.* excise in the pound.

That if any goods having once paid excise be exported to any part of Scotland or Ireland, then no excise be repaid.

That liberty be granted for bringing in French wines.

Mr. Thomson and Mr. Downes to attend the Committee to-morrow with their report. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 31. **100.** Note of 3,010 trees felled in Branspeth Park for the service of the State. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

[Jan.] **101.** Sam. Avery, Governor, and the Merchant Adventurers to the Council of State. We have seriously considered your letter of 29 Nov. 1652, and reply thereto that our fellowship does not trade in a joint stock, as the Holland East India Company, but as you wish to know what we are able to undertake, we represent that our former services to the State were done by our credit abroad, and not either by public stock or private purses, as we often took up money at interest to drive our trade. This reputation was owing to the countenance of Government, the late want of which has much discouraged us, and encouraged strangers to encroach on our privileges, and involves us in debt. Parliament also owes us 18,221*l.* 4*s.* for money lent, which was first assigned on the Excise, then transferred, and then excluded from all security, and this has brought us into disrepute and to distrust with our creditors. We are much grieved not to give a better return, when the public requires the service of all men, but the countenance of Parliament will alone enable us to do this. We shall recover our reputation when our Bill is passed, so that we can raise money by poll on our members, to pay off our debts; then we shall be ready to any service, even to expose the credit of our common seal, for the supply of any public occasion. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*]

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Feb. 1. 4. Order in the Council for Trade and Foreign Affairs, that the account brought in by the Admiralty Judges of their proceedings in the Admiralty Court, on the Samson, Salvador, and George, be presented to Council. [*I.* 132, *p.* 61.]

Feb. 1. **1, 2.** Petition of Thomas Jennings and Gilbert Keate, owners of the Thomas Bonadventure at Porto Longone, to the Council of State, for an order to the freighters to abandon their prosecution against them. On 25 Sept. 1651, petitioners let the ship to Jno. Frederick, Hen. Chowne, Fras. Fowke, Thos. Rouse, and Nath. Goodlad, merchants, by a charter-party, for a monthly voyage to the Straits, at 180*l.* a month, and so to return to London with her lading, and there discharge. The ship, on her homeward voyage, in company with Capt. Badiley and other English ships, was set upon by the Dutch, and is now blocked up in Porto Longone, and Capt. Badiley, with Chas. Longland, a merchant of Leghorn, has taken her up for the service of the commonwealth, and commanded the master to unlade his goods at Porto Longone; although they produced an order of indemnity from the Council of State, for saving the master and owners harmless, the freighters have protested against petitioners for all damages and losses which may arise by the unlading of their goods, and refuse to pay the mariners' wages for the time past. With reference to the Admiralty Committee, and their reference, 7 Feb., to the Navy Commissioners, to settle the matter, or to report thereon. [2 *papers. Also I.* 68, *p.* 318.]

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1. The Earl of Salisbury added to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

2. To write to the Governor of Portsmouth to approve the carriage of the officers in the late mutiny amongst the seamen there, and to order those who have been committed to prison to be kept there until further notice.

3. The agent from the city and senate of Hamburg to have audience with Commissioners from Council to-morrow at 4 p.m. in the usual place, Sir O. Fleming to give him notice.

4. Copies of the letters from Capt. Badiley and Mr. Longland to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider what may be done in answer to their requests.

6. The petition of the Mayor, jurats, and common council of Sandwich referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, who are to send for any persons or witnesses they think fit, consider the powers of Council therein, and report.

7. Lord Grey, Col. Sidney, and Col. Norton to confer with the Lord General as to how many land soldiers can be spared from the service for the fleet, and the place to which they may be ordered to march, and to report.

8. The intelligence in the letter from Deal Castle, dated Jan. 30th, to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners.

9. To write to the Mayor of Lynn that Council, by their late

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order, did not wish the staying of any other ships than those intended for the Newfoundland fishery, and the voyage to the Isle of May.

10. The petition of Walter Sykes referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, before whom the business mentioned already depends.

11. The portion of the letter from Robert Sansum, from aboard the Briar frigate, concerning the taking of a Dutch prize which he affirms is fit to be made into a man-of-war, to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners.

12. The Foreign Affairs' Committee to consider Mr. Bence's letter, dated Alicant, Dec. 18th.

15. A copy of the intelligence from Paris, dated Jan. 26th and Feb. 5th, directed to M. Augier, to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners.

16. Protection to be granted to Nathaniel Goodlad and Walter Elford, owners and freighters of the Stamboleene, to keep 10 men aboard her free from impress, for her protection from robbers, provided a list of the men be sent in.

17. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the letter from Hull, dated Jan. 27th, concerning the fortifications of that place, and to report.

18. The certificate of Jan. 31 from the Ordnance officers, concerning the remains of powder in the hands of the powder makers upon former contracts, with the annexed account, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to report.

19. The petition of Meliah Fenn referred to the Admiralty Judges, to examine and report.

20. The petition of merchant strangers living in the Stilyard referred to the Foreign Affairs' Committee, who are to view their petition to the Commissioners for assessments, consider the matter on Wednesday week, and report.

21. Order on the petition of Alex. Fotheringham of Gowrie, Scotland, that the liberty he now has upon bond be continued, notwithstanding the order for the commitment to prison of all officers and ministers of that country now in England. The Lieutenant of the Tower to take notice.

22. Col. John Ashurst to be permitted to rejoin his family, on bond in 1,000*l.*, and two sureties in 500*l.* each, not to act prejudicially to the present Government. Col. Duckenfield to take the bonds.

23. William Prynne to be released from imprisonment, on his bond in 1,000*l.* not to act prejudicially to the Government.

24. Gilbert Montgreife, Scotch prisoner in Chelsea College, to be discharged, and delivered to Sir W. Brereton, and this to be signified to the Marshal-General.

25. Lord Commissioner Whitelock to present to Parliament the desires of the minister and congregation of Frenchmen who have lately exercised in the chapel at Somerset House, praying that the place, being separate from Somerset House, may be reserved for their use, and not offered for sale with the rest of the house.

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26. Order that—as by a former order, the Lord General was desired to direct the taking up of money in the northern parts, to be distributed amongst the English soldiers lately disbanded in Scotland, to enable them to return to their habitations, their pay not sufficing therefor, on which order Rich. Hatter took up 300*l.* of Sir Thos. Widdrington—the said sum be repaid out of the exigent moneys of Council.

27. A copy of the petition of merchant strangers inhabiting the Stilyard to be sent to the Assessment Committee of the city of London, and some of that Committee, with the petitioners, to attend the Foreign Affairs' Committee on Wednesday week at 8 a.m., when the business will be considered.

28. To enclose Mr. Scott's intelligence to Col. Cooper, Governor of the Orkney Islands, and to desire him to have special care of the safety of the islands. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 317–322.]

[Feb. 1.] **2.** Petition of Nich. Matthews to the Admiralty Committee for employment. Served as master of the Success under Capt. Wotheredge from 1649 to 1651, and was at the taking of Barbadoes. Returning, was twice shot through the arms in a fight with Holland men-of-war off Plymouth, and never had any aspersion till now, through malice. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

3. I. *Wingfield Blount to Major Rich. Salwey. Recommends Nicholas Matthews, master of the Success, for employment in some ship.—London,* 1 *Feb.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 2. **4.** Petition of Robert Davies, powder maker, to the Council of State, for an order to the deputy of the ward to relieve him of the collectorship for the six months' assessment in the parish of St. Botolph, Aldgate, where he is an inhabitant, he having accepted a contract to make a quantity of powder for the State, which will take up all his time. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 2. **5.** Reference thereon to the Ordnance Committee. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page. Also I.* 68, *p.* 324.]

Feb. 2. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Richard Nutt to be paid for taking the land soldiers from Whitehall to the fleet, out of the exigent moneys of Council.

2. The speech made to Parliament by the agent from Hamburg to be read in Council to-morrow.

5. The Ordnance Committee to require those powder makers who have not furnished the amount of powder for which they contracted to appear before Council, to answer for the defects.

6, 14. The petitions of John Mathewson of Copenhagen, and of Geo. Hopkins referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21. The petitions of John Hill of Yarmouth; of the Governor of Upnor Castle; of Frances, widow of Wm. Stowers; of the Governor of Sandgate Castle; of Chris. Stoakes, mariner; of

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Hen. Groom, late master of the Culpepper; and of the East India Company, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

10. The Navy Commissioners to be informed that the Admiralty Commissioners are in great want of men for the fleet, and that they are to use their best endeavours to hasten them down, and to attend the Admiralty Committee to-morrow, to acquaint them with what has been done. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **6.**]

11. To inform the Navy Victuallers that the water casks are not yet come to the fleet, by reason whereof they cannot set sail, and to desire them to send one of their number down to give an account of that business.

19. The petition of James Shaw referred to the Committee for receiving former references to the Committee for Examinations.

25. The letter of Gen. Deane, from Dalkeith of Oct. 16th, and that of Col. Fitch to the Lord General, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are also to consider the providing of 150 beds for the soldiers in the citadel at Inverness, and 500 bandoleers for that service, and to report their opinions on the whole matter.

26. Lord Commissioner Whitelock and Col. Sidney to write to inform the Baron of St. Lambert that they are authorised to give security on behalf of the public for the performance to . . of what shall be agreed to be given him for his discovery, when it shall be made, according to his proposition.

27. The letter to the Duke of Venice to be translated into Latin, and sent to his secretary for transmission to him; the Committee appointed to treat with the secretary to inform him of the contents of the letter, and to urge him to see justice done to the merchants, according to the desire of the letter.

28. Sir Wm. Masham to present to Parliament the draft of an Act for reforming the abuses which have crept into the English clothiers' trade, and which have been complained of to Council by various clothiers.

29. The Lord General to order 4 files of musketeers to Lundy Island, under the command of some fit person, who shall take a convenient portion of ammunition with him.

30. To write the Admiralty Commissioners of Council's resolution on the conference had with Major Salwey, and on consideration of the two reports received by him from them.

31. The proposition of the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the furnishing of landsmen for the fleet, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to make necessary provision for them, and to consider where money may be imprested for that service, and to give order for the issuing it to such persons as they employ therein. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **7.**]

32. The instructions to the generals of the fleet to be brought in to-morrow.

33. Sir James Harrington to deliver the report from the Mint Committee on Friday.

34. On consideration of the request from the Admiralty Commis-

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sioners for more men in the fleet, 1,200 land soldiers, besides officers, are to be sent down, care being taken to choose fit persons.

35. To render the land soldiers more serviceable on board, one serjeant and two corporals are to be appointed to each 60 men. The men to have 18*s.* a month and their victuals, and the officers the same pay as when ashore, viz., a serjeant 1*s.* 6*d.* a day, and a corporal 1*s.*

36. The officers and soldiers to perform, as far as they can, the office of seamen, and to be ordered in the like capacity as the rest.

37. The last list of captains sent in by the Admiralty Commissioners approved by Council; the Generals of the fleet are accordingly to give them commissions.

38. The propositions sent by the Admiralty Commissioners concerning flag officers being approved by Council, the Admiralty Commissioners and Generals of the fleet are to give order therein.

39. The Lord General to write to the Admiralty Commissioners and inform them of the sending down of land soldiers and officers, and that they may use their judgment as to whether they use the officers or not. They are to provide for the land soldiers the same as for others. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 323–329.]

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Whitehall.

8. Council of State to Lord Fairfax. The Council resumed the consideration of the condition of the Isle of Man as to its civil government and security against an enemy, and conferred with Mr. Challoner thereupon. He told us your intention of sending thither a Governor and other well-affected English, to endeavour the reformation of the manners of that people without charge to the commonwealth, and to secure the island. We judge it necessary that the castles, especially in this juncture of time, be manned with a competent number of well-affected Englishmen, such as Council may confide in, and that the laws in force against drunkenness, swearing, profanation of the Lord's Day, adultery, and fornication, be put in execution. Also that the rules for ejecting scandalous ministers in England be observed there, and all good means used for instructing the inhabitants in the knowledge of God, suppressing profaneness, and bringing them, both in language, habit, laws, and all laudable customs, to as near a conformity to the English as may be. We therefore ask whether you will undertake the securing and maintaining of the castles as aforesaid at your own charge, as the Earl of Derby and his predecessors did, keep the island in due obedience, and promote the reformation desired. On receipt of your undertaking, we will remove the garrisons now there, and leave both the civil and military power in the island wholly to you, or to such Governor as you shall substitute and be responsible for. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

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Carisbrooke Castle.

9. Col. Wm. Sydenham to the President of the Council of State. Mr. Lovell, tutor to the son of the late King, has procured a small vessel of Hampton for his transportation to Flanders, and put all

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things here ready for their speedy departure, according to your warrant; but meantime Mr. Mildmay, alleging that he is not sufficiently discharged of his trust without a particular order from you, positively refuses to let the child go out of his custody, and keeps him locked up within the compass of his own lodgings. Though I apprehend myself sufficiently warranted by what I have seen to have let him quietly pass, yet there having fallen out this unexpected forcible stop, and having received no particular commands, I hope it will not be misinterpreted on my part by the Council, whilst I apply to them for their directions herein.

P.S. Since the child's restraint, he has sent me the enclosed to be tendered to Council. [1 *page.*]

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10. Henry Duke of Gloucester to the Council of State. I acknowledge with all thankfulness the many favours that you have vouchsafed to me, from the number of which, as I exclude not your enlarging of me so far as to pass into foreign parts, so I must desire you would (in this) be pleased to assert your own act, which has long endured dispute, and now suffers resistance also. Since the time that your warrant came for my transportation, I have heard little of my liberty, and many threats to hinder my going; for Mr. Mildmay has not only taken resolution to stay me, and to that purpose refused to accommodate me with a bed, or blanket, or any utensil to carry on shipboard, but locks his doors upon me, and denies me to walk about the castle, or to enjoy that liberty which you have always granted me, unless he be forced to it by arms or a particular order from you. How near this comes to an obedience to your warrant, you can best determine. In my own experience, I find no reason to fear anything from you which may be a cancelling of those obligations, the merit of which will, I hope, be valuable to you, though it be but a mean request to have me be your obliged servant.

P.S.—He has been offered a copy of your warrant sufficiently attested, to be left with him for his discharge, but is not satisfied. I beseech you, if you think it needful, require the Governor to keep me from the violence of any that hinder my passing. Endorsed: "H. Stuart to the Council." [1 *page.*]

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11. Order of the Admiralty Committee that an advocate be appointed to attend the fleet, with 8*s.* a day allowance. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

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12. Like order that the Navy Commissioners, especially Mr. Pett and Major Bourne, view the ships in two lists sent them, and such others as they think fit, and consider of 40 to serve as men-of-war, with 26 guns each, and report their names, date of readiness, quality, and terms, conferring thereon with Capt. Wildy. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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13. Lists above alluded to, and notes for the regulation of their officers, &c., rough draft. [2 *pages.*]

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Feb. 2. Order in the Committee for Trade and Foreign Affairs that the Admiralty Judges be sent to, on the taking the examinations concerning the Swedish ships, and making publication, to present the matter of fact to this Committee on Monday, declaring to them that the Committee does not intend thereby that there should be any stop or delay, but they are to proceed according to justice. [*I.* 132, *p.* 64.]

Feb. 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

2. The intelligence received concerning the Isles of Orkney, Shetland, or Zetland, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to consider what should be done for their security, prepare letters to their Governors, and bring them in to Council with speed.

4. The petition of Henry Hills, stationer of London, referred to the Committee for reviving former references to the late Committee for Examinations.

5, 7. The petitions of Nathaniel Tidderley, and of the Company of the Ship Exchange, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

6. The petition of Nath. Temms of London referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

9. Order, on the petition of John Gunter, of Clifford's Inn, that Mr. Creed bring his charges against him to Council on Wednesday.

11. The papers and petitions which Mr. Reddall and Mr. Woodcot have exhibited to Council to be looked up, and brought in on Monday.

12. Order on the petition of Henry Hunt and other freighters of the ship African, that protection for a fit number of men is to be given them when the fleet is ready to go out. [*I.* 68, *pp.* 333, 334.]

13. 100*l.* to be advanced for the maintaining of the intelligence sent to Capt. Bishop, and to write to that person that in future he is to correspond with Mr. Scott.

14. Order on petition of Huet Leat, merchant, that the Committee for Foreign Affairs look into the former proceedings in that business, speak with the Admiralty Judges, and report.

15. Order on petition of Oliver Fitz-Williams, that the bond mentioned, entered into by order of Council, be discharged and given up to him.

16, 17. The petitions of Henry Sefton, and of Rich. Jennings of Sittingbourne against him, referred to the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations, who are to hear both parties, and report.

18. The papers of the Eastland merchants referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

19. The intelligence last night received concerning Ireland to be copied, and sent to the Commissioners in Ireland.

20. The intelligence received to-day relating to the preparations of the Dutch, and the letter from Yarmouth to be copied, and sent to the Admiralty Committee.

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21. The petition of Lord Clinton and others referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

24. To write to the Company of Adventurers in the great level of the Fens that all the hemp they sow for the next —— years shall be taken for the commonwealth at 3*s*. per stone, to be delivered at Wisbeach and Lynn.

25. The paper from M. Barrière to be considered next Monday, with the draft of the Act for opening trade to Bordeaux and other ports of France. Members to attend at that time.

26. Mr. Scott to move Parliament to consider the draft of the Act forbidding correspondence with the United Provinces, as intelligence prejudicial to the commonwealth has lately been sent there from England. Also to consider what may be done to prohibit the transportation to the United Provinces of contraband goods, they having made a law against the transport of all such goods from those countries hither.

27. To write to Yarmouth, Harwich, and the northern ports, that notwithstanding the former order that ships should not leave those ports until convoys were appointed, several ships have gone without, and have been taken by the enemy, to the impoverishment of the commonwealth and the encouragement of the enemy; and to let them know that ships are setting out to clear the seas, and to desire them to forbear going out until further order. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 3–6.]

Feb. 3. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. The debate concerning the Bill of oblivion resumed, and Whitelock to endeavour to report it to Parliament to-day.

2. The Committee for preparing the Bill for an equal representation having requested this Committee to consider how the proportion of members for Scotland may be distributed, this Committee think it cannot properly be done till Parliament has ascertained the number of members. [*I.* 138, *p.* 51.]

Feb. 3. **14.** Order of the Committee for reviving the references to the former Committee for Examinations. According to an order of Council of 8 Nov., we have considered the translation of the learned book called *Mare Clausum*, and of a reward fit for the translator, and finding the work very exactly performed, and evidencing much judgment, care, and industry, and that it was done by special order of the Committee for Foreign Affairs, we think that the book being now rendered English, and learnedly asserting the rights and interests of this commonwealth in the adjacent seas, and published, will be of good use for these and future times; and that the translator and publisher deserves 200*l*. for his pains, out of the exigent money of the Council. [1 *page.*]

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Noon,
Whitehall.

15. Major Rich. Salwey to the Admiralty Commissioners, Chatham. I send you an enclosure of the proceedings of the Irish and Scotch Committee. All the water and cask are despatched to the fleet,

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and three agents have been sent to attend to the business. Your last complaint was groundless. The navy deputy treasurer has advanced 15,000*l.* for the present exigencies of the person you mention, and as he represents his further necessities he shall be supplied. I send a copy of the resolves of Parliament for the encouragement of merchant ships in the service. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

15. I. *Order in the Committee for Ireland and Scotland, that Commissioner Dobbins and Mr. Rowe assist the officers in the Lord General and Col. Ingoldsby's regiments, in buying and sending down sea-beds, rugs, &c. for the soldiers now going to sea, hiring a ketch if needful.—Feb.* 3. [*Copy,* $\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

15. II. *Irish and Scotch Committee to the Admiralty Committee.* 1,000 *men of the Lord General and Col. Ingoldsby's regiments are ordered to be shipped for sea service, and for their better accommodation, we have ordered them pay on the army's account to* 21 *Feb., after which you are to take them into navy pay.—Whitehall,* 3 *Feb.* 1653. [*Copy,* $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Feb. 3. 3 p.m. **16.** Major Salwey to the Navy Commissioners. The Committee will write you an account of all that comes to hand. Mr. Creed has returned; the victuallers have acquainted him with what was mentioned in your letter. The enclosed papers show you the state of the ships, and what is done about sending more men. One of the Navy Commissioners will be with me this afternoon and they will quicken what is only effected in part.

The Admiralty Court have no contracts in writing, but have directed the victuals to be put on board the ships in the river. I have sent Mr. Gauden to Portsmouth. The soldiers from the Lieut.-Colonel and Col. Ingoldsby's regiments are to be sent aboard at Deal and Dover.

Parliament will treat matters of religion every Friday, and have directed the Committee for Propagating the Gospel to sit to-day. On a report from the Commissioners in Ireland, the House has granted Lady Ormond 500*l.* in hand and 2,000*l.* a year. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages, shorthand, undeciphered.*]

Feb. 3. Leghorn. **17.** Charles Longland to Capt. Badiley. There is only one letter arrived from England, and that from Mr. Blackborne, the secretary, who does not so much as mention the Great Duke's demand, or the ships in the Straits, but says that he hopes that within a month 200 sail with 22,000 men will be ready to go to sea. Also that the French Ambassador desired, in the name of his King, a confirmation of the ancient league between the two nations, as also the restitution of the ships taken from them by the Parliament ships, to which answer was made that if the French would substitute Commissioners to come to account, and make good what they had taken from us, Parliament would readily embrace the occasion. That the preliminary article was sealed with the Portuguese Ambassador on $\frac{3}{13}$ Jan., and Col. Thom-

son and the rest of the Admiralty Committee went down to Chatham the same day. That they have received our letters, and notice the arrival of the Phœnix at Naples. It is reported amongst our nation here that Parliament will comply with the Great Duke in all things, seeing he affords protection to their ships, but our long lying in port makes the world weary of us. I wish Capt. Cox had condescended to the [Vice-]King's motion rather than have gone to prison, which brings disgrace and contempt upon the Parliament's commanders, and except the Parliament at home resents it in some high manner, it will grow customary amongst the Italian princes, and consequently make every man fly their service.

Captains Cox and Reeves have been furnished with 6,000 crowns at Naples, so you must send me more bills payable to Geo. Smith; you cannot send bills for less than 10,000 dollars for the State's ships' occasions, besides the bills which I sent you to subscribe with me for 30,000 dollars upon account of the advance money. I am at my wits' ends for money, and there is none to be had by exchange. I approve of your motion about the ship at Genoa, and will write to Mr. Wright; if Mr. Redman agrees, it will be best to let 16 of the 20 guns come hither to supply the 4 ships here. Peter Whiting's ships will be ready to sail in three days; but you must send an order to each commander here, or they will not spare any men. I hope to prevail with Mr. Poole to land the goods when he returns. The Dutch have a great ship coming from Holland, with ammunition and provisions, and 400 men. I send 2 barrels of tar and some canvas, and the pistols and bullets are not ready yet. [2 *pages. Copy.*]

Feb 4. Order in the Committee for Trade and Foreign Affairs, that the Admiralty Judges be requested to state the facts on examination about the Swedish ships, but not to delay their proceedings therein. [*I.* 132, *p.* 63.]

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1. To write to Capt. Hatsell to use all expedition in putting forth the Little President, which lately brought a Dutch prize into Plymouth.

3. The petition of Major-Gen. Hugh O'Neill, for leave to transport Irish soldiers to serve the King of Spain, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to confer with the Lord General and report.

4. The letter to the adventurers in the great level of the Fens, encouraging them to grow hemp there, and the warrant to the Navy Committee directing them to receive the same at 3*s*. per stone, to be signed and sent.

5. To write to Mr. Mildmay not to hold Henry Stuart in restraint, but to give him his liberty, and observe the directions given to the Governor of the island concerning him, and to allow him all things necessary for a sea voyage.

6. The Admiralty Judges to report the damage sustained by the owners of the Sarah, Thos. Grant, master, by reason of its seizure in Brazil by the Portuguese, according to the proofs given to the Admiralty Committee.

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7. Sir John Bourchier to communicate with the Lord General what he has heard from Mr. Rymer concerning robberies in Yorkshire by companies of armed men, and desire him to send some forces there to suppress them.

9. The intelligence received to-night, concerning the state of the Dutch fleet, to be sent to the Generals of the fleet.

11. The order of Parliament of the 3rd instant, concerning the giving in of a list of Scottish prisoners taken in the war, and an account of how they have been disposed of, referred to the Committee for reviving the references made to the late Committee for Examinations, to make a list and bring it to Council, with an account of such as are in want, and their opinion of what should be allowed them for subsistence during their restraint.

12. Council to sit to-morrow at 5 p.m., to receive from the Admiralty Committee an account of the state of the fleet; members in town to have notice.

13. The answer read to the paper of Sieur de Bordeaux recommitted to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

14. The articles to be proposed to the Portuguese Ambassador approved, and to be translated into Latin and delivered to him.

15. The examination of Claus Albertsen, taken on oath, to be sent to Mr. Dorislaus, to make use of for the commonwealth.

16. Rich. Bond, waterman, to be discharged from the service, being unfit by reason of sickness and other infirmities.

17. The petition of Josias Dewy, powder maker, referred to the Ordnance Committee to report.

18. Jeremiah Luther, waterman, to be discharged from impress on account of unfitness for service.

20, 24. The petition of John Bence, merchant, and Capt. Peter de Mere, referred to the Committe for Foreign Affairs.

21. Order on petition of Eliz. Alkin, widow, on behalf of Thos. Budd, prisoner in Newgate, that on his producing a certificate from a physician that his condition is as alleged, liberty for 3 months be granted him for his recovery, in order to his departure out of the realm, according to the Act of Parliament requiring all priests and Jesuits to depart this nation, provided he give security not to act to the prejudice of the commonwealth, nor to exercise the priestly office.

22. The petition of John Dunn, late Marshall of Gloucester, with his account of moneys disbursed for the keeping of the Scotch prisoners, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider what is due to him, and out of what treasury it may be paid, and report.

23. The petition of Thos. Ladd referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

26. The order of Parliament of the 1st instant, referring to Council the translation of a letter from the Queen of Sweden dated 13 November, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare an answer.

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27. A like order concerning a letter from Herald Appleboom, agent from the Queen of Sweden, referred to the said Committee, to report what is fit to be done in the business contained therein.

28. The letters from the consuls, pro-consuls, and burgomasters of Lubec, referred to Council by order of Parliament, also referred to the said Committee, to report what is fit to be offered to Parliament.

29, 30, 37, 38. Like references on like orders on the letter from the cantons of Switzerland; the letter from the Senate and Council of Cologne; the remonstrance of Jacob Jacobson of Lubec; and the letter from the Portuguese Ambassador Extraordinary.

39. The business concerning clipt money in Ireland, represented to Parliament by the Commissioners there and referred to Council, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider what can be done to prevent the clipping of money, and report.

40. The Navy Commissioners to use all diligence in sending down men to the fleet, Council having heard from the Admiralty Commissioners that there is still a want. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **18**; *I.* 39, *pp.* 6–12, 17.]

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19. Capt. Rich. Badiley to the [Navy Committee.] Some of the enemies' ships lay out of sight, in hopes that ours, seeing only a smaller strength than themselves, might be tempted out, but the deceiver is deceived, and their admiral has been lost upon the rocks. Not knowing what door might be opened for the ships in the Mould to break their way forth, I hastened hither, but find the enemy number 16 sail, so that nothing can be done at present, nor likely to be effected until a considerable strength is got together to come in upon them. The loss of the above ship has occasioned the impressing of 3 more merchant ships into their service, so that they will now number 30, besides another arrived at Cadiz 3 weeks since, carrying 60 pieces of ordnance and 400 men, which is expected here daily for their admiral to embark upon.

There are only 6 ships of the commonwealth in these parts, and they are not well manned, many being slain and lamed, but several merchantmen have been impressed into the service, which makes the number 20 sail, besides a fire-ship I have bought; but these merchant ships impressed will be little better manned than when they carried merchants' goods.

However, if it pleases God to open a way that the greatest part of our ships can join, and that it will not be judged too great a presumption, I shall endeavour to fight the enemy, that the ships in this Mould may be freed.

I doubt not but the Council of State and you have our affairs under consideration; some assistance is most necessary, not only in respect to the honour of the nation, which is so much concerned in this transaction, at a place which may be called the centre of trade, and upon which is the eye of all Europe, but it is reported that Prince Rupert may be here every day, with his prizes from the West Indies; and if he comes before our conjunction,

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the disorders our mariners may be put to cannot be foreseen. If 6 ships had been sent out to us when it was first known in what a condition we were, or when General Blake and Sir Geo. Ayscue's fleet met, I believe we had been in England, and had assisted in the last engagement against the Dutch, whereas now a considerable part of the nation's strength lies at no easy charge, and to little or no purpose.

Our letters from Naples intimate that the prize formerly mentioned is left there, until it is determined by the Parliament of England and the Spanish Ambassador whether we shall go to law for her in the court of that foreign Prince or not, but the commanders of our frigates and others imprisoned about it are set free, and the captains are on board their ships, and the Vice-King has promised more civil carriage for the future. I suppose some resentment will be shown the Spanish Ambassador that our commanders should be imprisoned, and the nation's goods sequestered upon such a pretence as this, making us a scorn to our enemies.

The Dutch lately took a small English vessel called the Spy, as she was lading currants at Zante, also another at Alicant, and last week they took a parcel of tin out of another belonging to Mr. Longland and other English merchants; their insolence being reported to the Great Duke, he replied that it must go upon account of the frigate [Phœnix], which was a very different affair. [3½ *pages, with duplicate of the letter of* $\frac{29\ \text{Jan.}}{9\ \text{Feb.}}$]

Feb. $\frac{4}{14}$. **20.** Copy of the above letter. [3 *pages.*]

Feb. 5. **21.** Petition of Nath. Goodlad, Hen. Chowne, and Fras. Fowke, freighters of the Thomas Bonadventure, to the Council of State, for an order to Capt. Badiley to release the said ship, so that the master, George Hughes, may have no plea to divert his contract and ruin the petitioners, but prosecute his voyage with his lading to London, with the like freedom as the Richard and William which came from the same port, Cyprus, and did not unlade. Petitioners freighted the ship in October 1651, to lade at Scanderoon and Cyprus, and then proceed to London, and insured her upon that account, but the master, contrary to the charter party, and for his particular interest of monthly pay, refused to set sail from Cyprus with the African and Dart frigates, and steered towards Leghorn, when he might have been in England on 18 Aug. last, as well as others. Knowing his error, and to defeat petitioners of their rights, he and his owners contrived to get more than the full freight, and pawned the goods, and the master now pretends that he has been forced by Capt. Badiley to unlade the goods at Porto Longone, and to give the ship up for the service of the commonwealth, which will be the ruin of the petitioners and their families. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 5. Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee to report. [*I.* 39, *p.* 20.]

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1. To write to the Generals of the fleet Council's good acceptance of their readiness in the service, and also that of their captains.

2. To write to the Mayor of Rochester to take notice of his willingness to serve the public in hastening out the fleet.

3. The Admiralty Committee to give direction for hastening out the fleet to their rendezvous with all speed.

4. To write the Navy Commissioners to make out bills to the Treasurer of the Navy, to pay Gen. Blake 3*l.*, Vice-Admiral Penn 2*l.*, and Maj. Bourne 1*l.* a day, for their entertainment for last year's service. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **22.**]

5. Thanks from Council to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners, for their great pains in hastening out the fleet.

6. To write the Mayor of Weymouth to continue out the scout boats, and to tell him that the other part of his letter is referred to the Navy Commissioners.

7. The order from the Admiralty Committee, concerning the entertainment of midshipmen on board the general ships for the year ensuing, approved.

8. The letter from the Mayor of Weymouth of the 2nd instant, with his account, referred to the Navy Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **23.**]

9. The Admiralty Judges to set at liberty Capts. John Taylor and Anthony Young, committed to the Fleet for neglect of duty in the late engagement with the Dutch, taking security for their appearance when required to answer the charges against them.

10. Council having seen Wm. Huby's receipt for 60*l.* for service to the State, do not think fit to make him any further allowance, and this answer is to be returned to him.

12. The letter from the Commissioners in Ireland, and other papers touching the Earl of Cleveland, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 18–20.]

Feb. 7. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Thomas Allen referred to the Committee for reviving the references made to the late Committee for Examinations, to examine the petitioner and report.

3. The petition of Thomas Woodcot to be considered with the business depending between him and John Reddall.

4. The business of the Earl of Clanrickard to be considered tomorrow.

5. That of the Mint next Thursday.

6. That of the Post Office this day week.

7. To call upon Mr. Blackborne for a copy of the list of the captains of the fleet.

8. The Irish and Scotch Committee to hasten their report upon the case of Mr. Jessop and Mr. Moore, and also of Lieut.-General Fleetwood, in reference to the Post Office, and to send it in this day week.

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9. Order on petition of Hammond Ward, Nathaniel Manton, and other merchants of London, for protection for a ship's company bound for the Canaries, that the Admiralty Committee confer with the Navy Commissioners thereupon, to ascertain a time when protection may be given.

10. The petition of James Kendall referred to the Admiralty Committee, to confer with the Lord General, and report.

11. Council having considered the settling of the office for the sale of Dutch prizes for the advantage of the commonwealth, it is ordered,—

That Mr. Say report to Parliament the under-written particulars about appointing a check upon that office, as a part of the bill now in his hands; viz.:

That Clement Oxenbridge, check to the Collectors for Prize Goods, be check to the office for the sale of Dutch prizes.

That the 250*l.* a year allowed him for the first office, be raised to 300*l.* in consideration of the second.

That 50*l.* a year be allowed him for two clerks to be employed in the port of London.

That the under-written persons be appointed deputy checks in the out-ports, at the salaries set down.

		£	
Bristol	Thomas Speed	20	per annum.
Plymouth Falmouth	James Blackburn	50	"
Weymouth Lyme Poole	Toby Berry	40	"
Portsmouth Isle of Wight Southampton	John Trehearne	30	"
Dover Deale Sandwich	Thomas Wade	40	"
Yarmouth, &c.	Thomas Lucas	30	"

The allowances to begin from 27 last July, the time when he [Oxenbridge] began his employment.

12. The petition of Anne Hollister referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

13. To answer the petition of John Poyntell of Dieppe, that Council cannot grant what is desired.

14. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider what may be done for providing hemp and other Eastland commodities necessary for shipping, to be imported from Hamburg, and what use may be made of the agent from that city now here.

15. Note to look up Mr. Purie's petition, and send it to the Irish and Scotch Committee according to reference.

16. Capt. Harris of the ship Middleborough to be discharged from

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the command, for neglect of duty. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **24.**]

17. Capt. Edward Witheridge, of the prize ship Marie, appointed captain of the Middleborough, and Wm. Tunick captain of the Marie prize. The Generals of the fleet to give them commissions.

19. Sir Hen. Mildmay, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Love, Mr. Gurdon, and Mr. Cawley, to be a Committee to consider the papers concerning the business between Mr. Woodcot and Mr. Reddall, and report. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 21–29.]

Feb. 7. Committee for Trade and Foreign Affairs. Day's Proceedings.

1. In case the Admiralty Judges do not bring in the case of the Swedish ships as appointed, they are to be sent unto to bring it in on Wednesday, without fail.

3. The petition of John Helmes to be considered on Wednesday, and the papers relating thereto brought in.

4. To report to Council, on the petition of Nath. Temms, that he should have license to import the goods free from confiscation by the Navigation Act, on his making oath of the truth of his narrative.

6. The list of clerks and deputies to be employed under Mr. Oxenbridge, as clerk of the check to the Dutch prize office, with their salaries, to be reported to Council, for insertion, if they think fit, in the Act to be offered to Parliament for settling that business.

7. The petition of Huet Leate to be considered this day week.

8. That of John Mathewson on Wednesday, and the letters from Mr. Willoughby, and other papers thereon, to be looked up and brought in.

9. The petition of George Hopkins to be considered on Wednesday.

10. That of Peter de Mere of Dieppe, for protection for the fishermen of Dieppe in their fishing on the coast of Sussex, as desired by the Governor in his letter of 26 Dec., to be considered on Friday, and the said letter to be brought in.

11. The letter and papers from [Rich.] Bradshaw, and the papers of the Hamburg agent to be considered on Wednesday.

12. The petition of Richard Beare for the consulship at Lisbon to be considered at the close of the treaty of peace with the Portugal Ambassador.

13. The petition of the town of Sandwich to be considered on Wednesday.

14. Order on the letter of Alex. Bence from Alicant,—asking how to dispose of the guns he has taken up, which were cast away in some of Rupert's ships driven upon that shore, and also what to do about taking English ships into the State's service, as Mr. Longland

writes him to do,—to report that Council should write to Bence to take up the ships, and that what he undertakes for the service, this State will make good. As to the guns, he is to use them, if needful, to furnish such ships as he takes into the service; and if not, to take the first opportunity to send them to England.

15. The petition of John Bence, merchant, referred to the Admiralty Judges, and on his proving the matter by oath in their court, they are to certify the state of the case. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 65–69.]

Feb. 7. **25.** Order in the Admiralty Committee, on reference by the Council of State of the petition of Capts. Edw. Thompson of the Ruth, and Edw. Witheridge of the Good Success—pleading that Thompson by Sir Geo. Ayscue's warrant shipped 6 passengers and Witheridge 3 for Barbadoes, who suffered there for their fidelity, and begging an order for allowance for their diet at 7½*d.* a day for the voyage, being 10 months and 20 days—referring the case to the Navy Commissioners to examine and report. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 7. Leghorn. **26.** Charles Longland to Robert Blackborne. I caused the Parliament paper as to the advance of the seamen's wages to be published on board the Leopard and Bonadventure, and sent it to Capt. Badiley at Porto Longone, so that the seamen there may likewise rejoice. I am glad Parliament has set things in such good order in relation to seamen, that they may cheerfully go forward in the service. I am also glad that the French have sent an embassage to Parliament, and wish a good peace were made with them, especially while the war with Holland lasts. God prosper those great preparations the State is now making for the sea; I wish they may meet with good commanders and fighting men.

You will hear what an affront the Vice-King of Naples has put upon Capt. Cox, in imprisoning him about an empty prize taken by the frigates; the necessity our ships are put to for these Princes' ports makes them trample upon us, but I hope the State will resent it at home to the Spanish Ambassador; the assistance of four ships from England, with 800 spare men, would make us masters of these seas, or at least put the ships into a condition to fight for it. I am freighting a ship with commodities for England, and would send yours and Col. Thomson's Florence wine, but doubt whether it may not be a transgression of some of the Acts of Parliament. The merchant ships that were in Porto Longone are come to Porto Ferraro, to discharge their goods and enter into the State's service, so that if you send men, they may be soon at sea. [1¼ *pages.*]

Feb. 8. **27.** Petition of the Society of Merchant Adventurers of Bristol to Parliament, for confirmation of their orders and the orders of the Navy Committee. Have transported calfskins and Welsh butter, according to the book of rates, and several orders of the Navy Committee, and paid customs, yet have been informed against by one Meazy therefor, and summoned to appear in the Exchequer this

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day, when judgment will be craved against them. Petitioned the Navy Committee, who ordered their opinion thereon to be reported to the House. By these persecutions petitioners are reduced to very great straights and confusion, being not only likely to be undone, but the whole commerce of the city to be ruined unless relieved, as no man will hereafter be encouraged to deal, should petitioners be unsafe by what they have done, by virtue of orders. [*Copy*, 1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

27. I. *Report of the Navy Committee to the House that order should be given for discharge of the informations against the petitioners, they having acted according to the book of rates.*—4 *Dec.* 1652. [1½ *pages.*]

27. II. *Order in Parliament referring the above petition to the Navy Committee, who are to determine the business, and all proceedings in the Court of Exchequer against the petitioners thereupon to be stayed until further order.* [½ *page.*]

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1. The report from the Admiralty Committee, concerning the license to the ships of Dartmouth to go to the Isle of May, to be considered next Monday.

2. The representation of the Admiralty Judges in the case of Thos. Boone, merchant of London, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider how it may be recommended to the Portuguese Ambassador, and report.

3. Sir Hen. Vane to present to Parliament the letter from the Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee of the 8th, desiring 400*l.* to be advanced to the clerks of the check for the use of the sick and wounded at sea, and to request them to give order for the payment of the money out of the Navy treasury, it being necessary for accommodating the fleet now to set sail.

4. To recommend the Admiralty Committee to order the Dutch prize, with 15 iron guns, in custody of Capt. Sansum, commander of the Briar, to be fitted out for service. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **28.**]

5. Order on report from the Admiralty Committee, concerning the appointing of the ships for the Northern Guard, that the Katherine, Mayflower, Weymouth pink, Swan, Old Warwick, Adventure, and John, and others in the river, out of which men have been taken by the Generals for the manning of the fleet, be appointed therefor; the Admiralty Committee to give them orders for the best performing of their service. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **29.**]

6. Mr. Wallop, Col. Fielder, Mr. Love, Col. Thomson, and Col. Morley to be a Committee to consider the proposals of Peter Priaulx and others of Southampton, concerning the finding of coal in Hants, and report.

8, 13. The petitions of Thos. Bullin, shipwright, and of Eliz. Rookes, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

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10. A protection to be given to Richard Goodman, waterman, from being impressed for service at sea, he being the only son of his mother, who is 80 years old, and has lost two sons in the service.

11. The petition of Nathan Wright and others referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

12. That of Alex. Bence and others referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

14. To answer to the petition of Capt. Thos. Tutty, for a commission for a private man-of-war, that Council will consider it when they grant any commissions of that nature. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 28–31.]

Feb. 9. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

2. The Admiralty Judges to attend on Friday, to give a better account of what was required about the Swedish ships, the Committee not being satisfied with that returned this morning, and not to fail to bring the full state of the case of the said ships.

3. The reference of Council of 7 Feb., about procuring hemp and other Eastland goods from Hamburg, and about what use can be made therein of the Hamburg agent now here, referred to Col. Sidney and five others, who are likewise to consider any propositions from any persons for furnishing pitch, tar, and other commodities for shipping, and on the whole, to report how the State may be best furnished therewith.

7. The business of the Stilyard to be considered on Friday. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 70–71.]

Feb. 9. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on the petition of Robert Inglish and Alexander Finlaw, that Lord Commissioner Lisle hasten his report to Parliament concerning the Frost family, that report containing what is desired by the petitioners.

2. The petition of the clerks, messenger, and labourers of the Tower referred to the Ordnance Committee.

8. That of Thomas Johnson referred to the Admiralty Committee.

9. That of Margaret Colcot, of the Isle of Man, widow, and her children, to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

10. Mr. Thurloe to peruse the account of the Marshal of Windsor Castle, for keeping some Scotch prisoners there, and Mr. Frost to pay what is due to him from the exigent moneys of Council.

11. Copies of last year's orders concerning the commitment of John Gunter to be looked out, and brought in.

12. The Serjeant-at-arms to give an account why Gunter has had his liberty, contrary to order.

13. A copy of the charge against him by —— Creed to be made out and given him.

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14. The Lord General's regiment, out of which 500 men were taken for the fleet, to be recruited to the former number, and he to be desired to give his officers orders accordingly.

15, 16. The paper read in answer to the Sieur de Bordeaux approved, and to be delivered him by the Commissioners of Council appointed to meet him, to-morrow at 4 p.m. at Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice, and attend him.

17. The Committee that treats with the Portuguese Ambassador to meet him next Friday at 5 p.m., to deliver Council's answer to his articles and papers. Fleming to give him notice, &c.

18. The letter of Major Wade to the Lord General, with enclosed papers relating to the late garrison of Gloucester, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

19. John Wetwang, nominated by the Admiralty Committee to the command of the small Dutch prize at Newcastle, approved of. The General of the fleet to give him a commission for the vessel, which is to be called the Sparrow. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **30.**]

20. Order on petition of Capt. Charles Saltonstall, for liberty on bail, that he be released from the Fleet prison, on bond with two securities in the Admiralty Court, to appear there upon summons. The Admiralty Judges to see this put in execution, and to prepare a trial against him and other captains committed for the same cause.

21. The like order for Capt. Chapman. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 31–35.]

Feb. 9. Committee to confer with Scotch Deputies. Day's Proceedings.

1. An order of Parliament of 3 Feb., committing to this Committee the Bill of oblivion for Scotland, read.

2. Also a like order of 3 Feb., for protecting the deputies during their service, and for giving power to the Commissioners for Administration of Justice in Scotland to remove sheriffs and commissaries unworthy the service, and to supply their places with meet persons.

3, 5. The deputies being called in, the Bill of oblivion is read to them. They thank Parliament and the Commissioners for their favours, and pray a copy of the Bill, but this not being parliamentary, it cannot be granted. It is again read to them leisurely, that they may take notes, and they request to be heard further before it is passed, and withdraw.

4. Order that the orders concerning the deputies' protection, and touching sheriffs and commissaries, be sent to the Commissioners for Justice in Scotland next post; and copies to be delivered to the deputies.

6. Order that Sir Hen. Vane, jun., Sir Art. Hesilrigge, Lord Chief Justice St. John, Major Salwey, Col. Fenwick, and Mr. Darley, consider who should be excepted out of the Act of oblivion for Scotland, and report. Mr. Downing to attend them.

7. Whitelock to prepare a clause concerning bondage tenures, wardships, and other services, and touching hereditary offices and sheriffwicks, to be inserted, by the order of Parliament of 3 Feb., in the Act of oblivion for Scotland, and report.

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10. The clerk and Mr. Baker to desire Mr. Whitelock to meet this Committee on Friday at 7 a.m., to consult on the Bill of oblivion for Scotland. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 52–54.]

Feb. 9. Westminster. Committee to confer with Scotch deputies to the Commissioners for Justice in Scotland. We send you the orders of Parliament concerning protection of the deputies sent from Scotland, and concerning the sheriffs and commissaries in Scotland, the execution whereof we commend to you. [*I.* 138, *p.* 54.]

Feb. 10. **31.** Order in the Committee of Parliament for petitions, on report from the Sub-Committee to whom the petition of the Committee for taking the accounts of the commonwealth was referred, that the case be reported to Parliament by Maj.-Gen. Harrison, with the opinion that the members, viz., John Greensmith, Rich. Wilcox, Wm. Maddyson, Nich. Bond, Hen. Broad, and Henry and Pierce Robinson, have constantly attended the service for 3 years ended 11 Oct. last, should have 200*l.* a year each in Irish or Scotch lands, with interest till conveyance thereof to them, in any county they desire. The same allowance to be made to Thos. Richardson, a member of the Committee called to employment in Ireland. Also that the said allowance be paid them in future out of monies in the treasury. Also that John Greensmith should have 500*l.* for extra services. [2 *pages.*]

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1. The former order for reporting to Parliament the case of Mr. Cooke and other English prisoners to be looked out, and the reporter to hasten it.

2. The Committee on the business of Mr. Woodcot and Mr. Reddall to meet to examine it, to summon both parties to attend that they may be heard, and to report.

4. The letter from the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland, of Jan. 24th, desiring that Daniel Hutchinson and John Preston, aldermen of Dublin, be paid their contract for 10,000 suits of clothes for the army there, referred to the Army Committee, to make speedy payment, the letters from thence certifying their performance having been detained by contrary winds.

5. The Admiralty Committee to consider fit persons to fill the places of vice-admirals in maritime counties where they are wanting, and to report their names.

7. Two of the Committee for reviving references to the late Committee for Examinations to be a quorum ; Col. Wauton and Sir John Trevor added to that Committee.

8. Col. Sidney, Mr. Strickland, Col. Purefoy, and Sir Hen. Mildmay to be a Committee to treat with the French agent, they being the former Committee.

9. The petition of Thos. Waring referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

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10. The letter from the Commissioners of Parliament in Scotland, dated Leith the 5th inst., referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

11. The Lieutenant of the Tower to bring before Council to-morrow such Scotch ministers as are in his custody, viz., Robert Douglas, James Hamilton, John Smith, and Andrew Kerr.

12. The paper of Nathaniel Reading to Council, and his letter to the Lord General referred to the Admiralty Committee.

14. Mr. Scott to communicate to the justices of peace in Westminster the intelligence concerning John George, of Gardener's Lane, Westminster, and to desire them to withdraw his license for keeping a victualling and tippling house, or to suppress him if not licensed.

15. Order on petition of the Levant merchants,—setting forth that the Samson and other of their ships returning from Turkey were obliged, on account of the Dutch men-of-war in the Mediterranean, to put into harbour on the coast of Italy, and to land their silks and fine goods, and their ships being now taken into the service of the State, because of the dangerousness of those seas by the Dutch, they cannot import them as usual; and praying that bringing them overland to Dunkirk, they may import them from there without seizure; —that Mr. Mildmay report to Parliament that Charles Longland, agent at Leghorn, represented the necessity of landing the said goods, and Council, on consideration of the state of affairs there, ordered him to take the said ships into the service as men-of-war, and sent him several blank commissions for commanders and officers for them, whereby the vessels which should have brought home the goods are diverted from their employment, and the procuring other English ships to lade them will be extremely difficult; wherefore Parliament is moved to consider what shall be done in the matter.

16. The Admiralty Committee to consider of appointing a convoy for bringing arms from Hull to the Tower, and the warrant of the Lord General to the Commissary of Arms to be sent thither. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **32.**]

17. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare an answer to the letter from the cantons of Switzerland to Parliament, referred to Council, and report.

18. To write to the Army Committee to pay to the Lord General's regiment of 1,200 men the two months' pay due last Saturday.

20. To prepare a paper in answer to one from M. de Bordeaux, concerning Maj. Rheterford, a commander in the French King's service, being detained in prison, signifying that having examined the papers against him, Council finds that he held intelligence with the enemy, and that his employment was as a spy; upon which charge he was committed to prison, and is continued in restraint.

21. The petition of the officers employed in the sale of delinquents' estates referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider what may be offered to Parliament for supplying that money, and report.

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22. The petition of John Grace, of Court Town, Kilkenny, referred to the same, to state the matter of fact, peruse such testimonials as he shall produce, and report. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 36–44.]

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33. Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners. The Generals, being at the rendezvous in the Swinn, complain of want of men. Give an account of your proceedings therein, and also of what victuals are in the victuallers' hands, and in what places. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

33. I. *Extract of two letters from the Generals of the fleet:—8 Feb. Neither men nor ships appear; all depends on their coming down, that we may sail for the other channel.*

Feb. 9. *Many ships are come, but there is great want of seamen. Unless these are hastened down, we may either lose the wind to get into the other channel, or be obliged to go before we are fit.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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34. Abstract presented by Wm. Jessop to the Irish and Scotch Committee, of the case relating to the Post Office, viz.:—

Thos. Witherings, deceased, by virtue of letters patent of 15 March 7 Charles I., and an assignment from Wm. Frizell, was solely possessed of the office of Postmaster of England for foreign parts, during the lives of himself and Frizell.

On February 15, 1642, he grants all his whole interest to Robert Earl of Warwick.

February 16, 1642, the Earl of Warwick grants his interest to Sir David Watkins and Rich. Pulley, deceased, during the said term, the same being declared by articles between the Earl and Witherings, to be in trust for the equal benefit of both of them.

On February 16, 1650, Sir David Watkins, the survivor, grants his interest to Wm. Ellis and Wm. Jessop, by appointment of the Earl and Witherings, to stand possessed of a moiety in trust to pay yearly out of the profits 900*l.* to Jessop and Ben. Moore, and the surplusage of the moiety to Witherings; Wm. Jessop and Ben. Moore were to receive the 900*l.* in trust to pay certain debts of Robert Lord Rich, mentioned in a schedule, unless his Lordship should otherwise direct.

12 April 1650, the Earl declared in what method and proportions the said debts should be paid by them. The first payment of the said 900*l.* should have been made on 16 May 1650, but no part was then or has since been paid, because on 10 July 1650, the Council of State ordered Witherings to forbear paying any more money to Jessop and Moore, to the use of the Earl of Warwick or Lord Rich, until further order. To reverse this, Jessop and Moore have petitioned Council. [1 *page.*]

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35. Order in the Irish and Scotch Committee to whom the case was submitted, referring this paper back to Council. As to Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood's claim, they can say nothing, no papers that have come before them mentioning him. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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Feb. 11. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on the petition of Sandwich to report to Council that the matter complained of should be referred to Col. Dixwell, Sir Mich. Livesey, Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, and other indifferent persons living thereabouts, who are to examine such persons as they think fit, and on full hearing, to state the case, with their opinions what should be done for settling the difference, and preventing like disorders in future.

2. The effect of the Committee's order of 9 February to be brought by the Admiralty Judges on Wednesday.

3. The business of Spanish wools, represented to this Committee by the Admiralty Judges, to be reported to Council in the afternoon.

4. The business of the Stilyard merchants to be considered on Wednesday.

5. The papers delivered to Council by the Hamburg agent referred to the Sub-Committee on furnishing pitch and tar, to consider what use may be made of the agent in furnishing them, and report what should be proposed to him or others, and prepare a draft of a paper to the agent. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 72–74.]

Feb. 11. **36.** Petition of Daniel Farrington and other merchants to the Council of State, for a convoy for two vessels at Dunkirk, laden with tar, pitch, and hemp from Hamburg, for the service of the commonwealth. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 11. **37.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 39, *p.* 48.]

Feb. 11. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The ministers of Scotland committed to the Tower to be called before Council.

4. Christopher Napier, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to be set at liberty on good bail. Dr. Gurdon to certify the state of his case.

6. The petition of Roger Napkin, chirurgeon, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

7. The petition of the Governors of Sion House, desiring the removing of the soldiers there, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider whether they may conveniently be removed, or otherwise to report.

8. The Lord General, Col. Purefoy, Mr. Bond, Sir Hen. Mildmay, Major-Gen. Harrison, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Scott, Col. Sidney, and Mr. Gurdon to be a Committee to confer with Douglas, Hamilton, Smith, and Kerr, ministers of Scotland, and to receive their explanation of what they said to Council about their engagement to live peaceably in Scotland, as becomes the ministers of the Gospel.

10. Mr. Rowe to particularise, in his letters hereafter to be written to the Lord Mayor for the shipping of corn from London to Ireland, the quantity of the several kinds of corn.

12. Order on petition of Capt. Zachary Brown, that the Admiralty Judges take bail for his appearance in that court, to be responsible to justice.

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16. The Ordnance officers to provide a convenient place in the office for Sam. Law to work in, for proving, oiling, and cleaning swords.

18. Order on petition of Col. Wm. Bourke, that the Irish and Scotch Committee speak with him, and if they find him in treaty with any foreign Ambassador for carrying over Irishmen into foreign parts, report what may further be granted him.

19. The petition of John Crosse, late master of the Eagle frigate, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

20. The petition and account of Steven Harris referred to Mr. Thurloe, to examine the allegations, and the account of his disbursements for keeping prisoners in Ilchester, and to report what is due to him.

22. Robert Douglas and James Hamilton, prisoners in the Tower, to be discharged, and be at full liberty. With note to send this to-night to Lord Bradshaw, who will take care of it. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 44–49.]

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Whitehall.

38. Council of State to [the Commissioners for Dutch Prizes]. Having designed David Yale to transact some service of concernment, for the carrying out of which he should be supplied with a fit vessel and a quantity of salt, and there being two Dutch prizes at Portsmouth, one the King David of Euchuyzen, and the other the King David of Delft's Haven, with salt in her valued at 533*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.*, you are to order the speedy delivery of the former ship and the salt to Mr. Yale; also to give him bills of credit for 1,500*l.* payable to him at Plymouth as there are several other provisions to be made there, and to charge the same as so much paid out of the proceeds of Dutch prizes. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

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Westminster.

Committee for conferring with the Scotch deputies to the Commissioners for confiscated lands in Scotland. Though we do not doubt your industry to advance the three months' pay to the deputies from Scotland, which by yours of 11 Jan. last you intimate you cannot do on a sudden, yet considering how much of the three months is elapsed, and what occasion the deputies (being out of their own country) have for money, we beg that it may be raised out of the first monies that come to your treasury, and returned according to our former desires. [*I.* 138, *p.* 54.]

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The Leopard, Leghorn Mould.

39. Capt. Rich. Badiley to [the Navy Committee.] I will obey your orders and send them to Capt. Appleton. I hear the regaining of the Phœnix frigate is not publicly owned in the letter to the Great Duke, but I hope it is owned in the hearts of those who sent the letter. I may have been rash, but I did not then know anything of Capt. Appleton's obligement to the Great Duke, nor had I heard that the Great Duke had passed his word to the Dutch that the English should not molest them in his road or chamber; it seems unreasonable that the beseigers, being four to one, should desire the

Prince to pass his word that the besieged should not come out and assault them. I was commanded to render the Great Duke all fair respect within his ports, yet none of your servants in consultation in these parts could judge it was intended to divert us from regaining their frigate, which might prove so very prejudicial to us while in their hands, especially since the Dutch would not at all be bound to render his Highness any of that civil respect which ought to have been, but would commit acts of hostility upon English merchantmen close to the Mould head.

To-day the Secretary of State to the Great Duke was sent on board the admiral of the Dutch, and then to myself; what passed on board the former I know not, but Mr. Longland will inform you what took place between us. [2 *pages. With copy of his letter of* $\frac{4}{14}$ *Feb.* 1653.]

Feb. 11. Navy Office.

40. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We are much troubled by yours about the absence of men. Trinity House pressed 600, but they have gone to Ipswich and Woodbridge by 50 in a company, to get into colliers and merchant ships. The master of the watermen pressed 500, but the men are refractory, and hide themselves till they can go in frigates. The winds have been contrary, but the vessels shall be hastened down, with or without captains, if they have but pilots on board. We send a letter from the victuallers respecting provisions. The Watermen's Company having sent 500 men, the warrant should be renewed to them for more. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

Feb. 12. Carisbrooke Castle.

41. Col. Wm. Sydenham to the President of the Council of State. I have caused the directions of the Council of State concerning Hen. Stuart, son of the late King, to be put in execution, and in order to his transportation for Flanders, I saw him yesterday safely put on board the ship that was provided and laid ready at Cowes for him, whither he went, and forthwith set sail, without much notice or observance, which I endeavoured to prevent as much as possible; only some private men-of-war in the road were more free in their salutes than became them.

The child was accommodated with necessaries for his voyage, according to the Council's order, and I enclose a note he left with me at his departure (*missing*), with a desire to have it sent to the Council. [1 *page.*]

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42. Order in the Admiralty Committee that—as there has been great neglect in conveying the mariners raised, by water to the fleet, —the Navy Commissioners take care that all impressed seamen be sent on board by faithful conductors, and direct by water to the ships in the river, to be sent to the fleet, the Generals writing that few have as yet come to them. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

43. Like order—on Capt. Hatsell's information of 70 or 80 seamen from the Garland and Anthony Bonadventure arriving at Plymouth from Jersey in great want,—that the Navy Commissioners write to

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him to furnish them with necessaries, and enter them on board some of the ships there. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 14. Order in the Committee for Trade and Foreign Affairs that the business of furnishing masts from Scotland, as prepared and ripened by this Committee, be reported to Council. [*I.* 132, *p.* 75.]

Feb. 14. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. A copy of the petition of Hans Petersen to be sent to the Committee for the sale of Dutch Prizes, and to Mr. Dorislaus, to give an account by to-morrow night of what they know concerning the ships, and if they cannot give an account by that time, to write to Mr. Willoughby to give an account by the next post.

2. The paper concerning a robbery in France, delivered to Council by M. de Bordeaux, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare an answer.

4. The time granted to the Earl of Clanrickard by the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland, beginning with the 1st of March, to stay in England on his way to foreign parts, to be extended to the 1st of April.

5, 10, 23. The letter from the Hamburg agents desiring restitution of some ships brought into English ports; that from Alex. Bence from Alicant; and the paper from M. Barrière referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

6. The Governors of Dover and Deal to send intelligence every day to Council of what passes at sea.

7. To write to the Mayor of Newcastle that some masters of colliers having desired liberty to sail to London, he is to permit them to depart by the first opportunity, if they think themselves strong enough for the passage.

8. To write to the Governor of the Isle of Wight, to inquire what private men-of-war saluted Henry Stuart in his passage from the English coast, and to report.

9. Sir Henry Mildmay to acquaint Parliament with the intelligence sent by Col. Venables in Ireland, concerning the taking of Sir Phelim O'Neill and others prisoners.

11, 13, 14. The petition of the bailiffs of Southwold, and the annexed account; that of Grace, widow of Lieut. John Stone; and that of John Bleake referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

12. The letter from Col. Heane from Jersey, dated 4 January, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to confer with the Lord General and report.

16. Capt. Robert Plumleigh, nominated by the Admiralty Committee to be captain of the ship Samson, approved, and the Generals of the fleet to give him a commission. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **44.**]

17. Order on petition of Sir Thos. Urquart, craving the giving up of his bonds, and after that his enlargement, that Mr. Thurloe speak with the Lord General thereon, and report.

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19. The regiment of Col. Ingoldsby, of which the greater part is sent aboard the State's ships, to be recruited to its established number. The Lord General to take order therefor.

20, 21. The business of the postage of letters, upon a report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, and their report concerning Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood, Mr. Jessop, and Mr. Moore's interest in the foreign office, to be considered to-morrow, and the said Committee then to present their report.

22. Order on the petition of Matthew Francklyn, that two-thirds of the three Dutch prize vessels lately cast into Tenby be given to him for his relief, one third having been given to the soldiers of Lieut.-Col. Dawkins.

24. The certificate from Capts. Blackwell and Deane, concerning the account of the Militia Commissioners for Leicestershire, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

28. Order on petition of Henry Sanders, that he apply himself to the judges of the Surrey circuit, for taking the prosecutor's bond in a new recognisance for the prosecution of — Smith mentioned in the petition, and for returning to the Exchequer the recognisance already forfeited, where, when the same is lodged, Parliament may be moved for disposing some part of the sum, when the same shall be legally recovered, for the benefit of the petitioner, if they shall think fit.* [*I.* 39, *pp.* 49–54.]

Feb. 14. Dover.

45. Wm. Cullen, Mayor, to the President of the Council of State. Having seen an order from the Council of State, and another from two generals at sea, for the free passage of Hen. Stuart, third son of the late King, from the Isle of Wight to Flanders, I have to advertise that Rich. Lovell, his tutor, repaired this day to the Governor of Dover and myself, and desired leave, in regard the wind was contrary, and the said Henry Stuart indisposed through three nights' watching and distemper at sea, and the incommodiousness of the small vessel he was in, that he might come on shore to the house of Mr. Delavall in Dover for refreshing, Lovell engaging that nobody should come at him whereby anything should be done prejudicial to the commonwealth; which civility the Governor and myself thought fit to grant, and we hope it will be in no way displeasing to the State. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 14. Leghorn.

46. Charles Longland to the Navy Committee. Capt. Badiley returned hither from Porto Longone four days since, intending to carry out the ships to sea, there being not above five or six of the enemies' ships in port, and the general of the Dutch having run aground near this place, and lost his ship; but they, perceiving our intentions, called in their ships, and now there are 15 here, so that his voyage is frustrated, and he will return to Porto Longone and wait another opportunity. The frigates at Naples were necessitated to render up the prize to the King, to free themselves from prison,

* The last clause is in Bradshaw's hand. —ED.

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and have since been to Messina, where they met six Dutch ships, two being men-of-war, and the others laden with corn, of which they took one, but the rest got into Messina.

Capt. Poole has not yet returned from Venice, so I cannot tell how many ships there will be for your service; but that they may not stay for want of money to furnish those there and at Porto Ferraio, I have drawn on you for 30,000 dollars at 6*s.* 3*d.*, making 7,875*l.* payable at three months, which I hope will be paid. I am very sensible of the great expense the State is at in maintaining their ships here, besides the charge of 14 or 15 sail taken up, all which will be to little purpose except you send a supply of men and ships to join with them. [*With copy of his letter of* 31 *Jan.* 2 *pages.*]

Feb. 14. **47.** Charles Longland to the [Navy Committee]. The frigates at Naples have to leave their prize in the hands of that Vice-King, to clear the captains out of prison. Since then they, with the Harry Bonadventure, a merchant ship taken into the service, have been to the southward of the Vare of Messina, and off Cape Spartavento they met six Dutch ships, with whom they fought, and took one, but the rest got into Messina, and our ships came to an anchor at Rhegium, to watch their going out. These frigates may get some prizes abroad, but not rescue your ships from the close siege they lie under, which brings many inconveniences upon all. The mariners are grown so debased through idleness, and their spirits so cowed, that I much doubt them when they come to do service. It gives our enemies advantage to offer many affronts to our men, and these people, like the fashion of the world, give most reason to the strongest.

Last week I put some tin on board a ship for Smyrna, which the Dutch took out, although she was riding at anchor in the port. Upon complaining to the Great Duke that our enemies turned their war into pilfering, and much injured his port, he answered, by the Governor, that the Dutch had reason to repair the loss of the Phœnix in this way. So that when you send a force hither, if they do not take the same privilege to seize or destroy the Dutch in any place of the port where they have a power to do it, they will be to blame, having so good a precedent as this, and by the Prince's approbation.

The Great Duke's man from England passed Pisa this morning towards Florence, and if you have not given him some plausable and satisfactory answer, your ships here will find it in their entertainment.

The Dutch admiral ran aground a few days since, and was lost, but the things in her were saved, with which they have set out two good ships. [1 *page, copy.*]

Feb. 14. The Phœnix, Messina. **48.** Capt. Owen Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I left Naples on 20 Jan., but was forced by weather into Messina. There I left the Harry Bonadventure, because of her slow going. I took a Hollander laden with corn, and hearing there were seven more to the

southward, with two men-of-war for convoy, we engaged them at 6 a.m. the next morning, and continued the dispute until 6 p.m., when the wind shifting, they put into Messina, much torn, and their captain and 40 men slain, while I had four killed, four since dead of their wounds, and 22 wounded. I received 70 shots in the hold, and my masts, sails, and rigging shot away, and have been eight days refitting. I have given Mr. Hopgood a bill for 1,000 dollars for money advanced therefor, and hope it will be paid. [1 *page.*]

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5. The letter from John Topping from Tynemouth of Jan. 10th, with the bill for carrying a letter to Gen. Blake, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report out of what treasury it is to be paid.

6. Christopher Napier, imprisoned in the Gatehouse, to be bailed, on giving security to be forthcoming to be responsible to justice.

7. The petition of Richard Worrall and others referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

8. Order on petition of Simon de Caseres, merchant of Hamburg, that the Admiralty Judges take care that speedy justice be done, and certify thereon to Council.

9. Morgan Hall with two men and a boy in the Anne, Mr. Roche with two men and a boy in the Remembrance, Thos. Worledge with two men and a boy in the Hopwell, all of Maidstone, and Wm. Key with six men and a boy in the Providence, employed in the service of the State, to be permitted from time to time to pass to London and return to Rye, free of impress; they being used for carrying ammunition from Rye to the Tower.

10. The petition of John Godscall referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to speak with him on the matter and report.

11, 13. The petitions of James Sword, for himself and others; and of Capt. John Wadsworth, late commander of the Phœnix, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

12. John Perrie, waterman, to have a protection from being impressed into the service at sea, he having dependent upon him an aged mother, and three small children of his sister's, whose father is serving in Ireland.

14. The business of the postage of lettters, and a patent of assignment whereby Jessop and Moore claim an interest in the foreign Post Office, to be considered next Tuesday. Members in town to be present at the debate.

15. The appointed Commissioners to meet M. de Bordeaux to-morrow at 4 p.m. Fleming to give him notice.

16. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Portuguese Ambassador next Thursday at 4 p.m. Fleming to give him notice.

17. Note to make out the reference to the Irish and Scotch Committee about Lord Grey, it being amended.

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18. New warrants to be drawn for all the messengers of Council, for enabling them to ride post, to press horses on all roads, and also any fit vessel in any port whither they are directed, to sail towards the fleet.

20. The letter from Lord Fairfax, concerning the business of the Isle of Man, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

21. The report from the Sub-Committee, of Foreign Affairs, concerning the providing masts and tar from New England, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to confer with the Treasury Commissioners concerning the payment of the money, and report.

22. Order to answer on the petition of Capt. Ben. Blake, that there is no charge of crime against him. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 59–64.]

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Whitehall.

49. Council of State to the Navy Commissioners. Having considered as to providing masts and tar in Scotland, and finding the propositions made to us very probable, we are resolved to make an essay thereof, and have ordered that 4 men well skilled therein should be sent to Scotland, in a vessel manned with 8 or 10 men, who are to get such labourers as may be found upon the place to assist them. Being informed by the Commissioners of Dutch Prizes that the Henry IV. and the Crowned Charity, two Dutch prizes at Dover, are fit for this service, you are to send to Dover to ascertain which will be the best, and give order for her being fitted forthwith, and to confer with Messrs. Roach and Wood, mastmakers, for carrying on this work, and provide the necessary materials, as ropes, iron work, &c. Also to victual the ship for 14 men for 4 months. [1 *page.*]

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Westminster.

50. Order in the Revenue Committee—on the accounts of Sir William Waller, farmer of the prisage of wines and butlerage of England, for 11 years, ended last Michaelmas, and of the arrears of fee-farm rent thereof owing by him, as certified by the auditors of imprests;—that he pay 1,100*l.* in full of arrears within 10 days to Mr. Fauconberg, receiver-general. That the auditors engross his account, and allow him 1,101*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* taken for customs on wines; 400*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* in full of 821*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* demanded, viz., 437*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* for rent of prisage of wines in the western ports, taken by Sir Ralph Hopton and Endymion Porter in 1643 and 1644; 230*l.* for 2 years rent due to him by his under-farmers in the western ports, and 116*l.* the average for 1644 and 1645 for those ports, when the profits were sequestered and employed by the late King's party, and 38*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* for taxes paid in the out-ports. [*Copy,* 1¾ *pages.*]

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COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Stilyard merchants to put down in writing and deliver to this Committee what the privileges are that they claim, and on what grounds, and state their case, which will then be considered.

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3. The Sub-Committee on hemp, tar, and the papers of the Hamburg agent to meet to-morrow at 8 a.m., in the inner Horse chamber. [*I.* 132, *p.* 76.]

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3, 6. The petitions of John Tracy; and of Dennis Gauden and others referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

10. Order on petition of Viscount Montgomery of Ardes in Ireland, that Council think not fit to make any declaration concerning the benefit of articles.

11. Order on petition of Anthony Jackson, that the liberty of the Tower be granted him, the same to be signified to the Lieutenant of the Tower.

13. The paper brought in from the Sieur de Bordeaux referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare an answer, not going from what has been insisted on in Council's former answer.

14. Order that the petition of Sir Wm. Fleming, prisoner in the Tower, be considered after the declaration of Parliament's pleasure, upon the account of the prisoners tendered to them according to their order.

15. The order of Parliament forbidding the people to repair to the houses of Ambassadors and public ministers [to be enforced].

16. Thomas Lucus and John Teather, watermen impressed into the service at sea, to repair to the ship Mayda, commanded by Capt. Osier, and remain in service. The captain to certify the time they come on board.

17. Order on petition of Robt. English, concerning trade in Scotland, that he have liberty to hold commerce and correspondence with Scotland as formerly, acting nothing prejudicial to the Government of England.

18. Order on the petition of Jacob Momma, that Mr. Scott examine him and report.

20. Order on the petition of James Brames, merchant of London, that Council can give no order in what is desired.

22, 24, 34. The petitions of Samuel Terrick and Luke Lucie, merchants; of Hester Marsh, widow; and of Thos. Chamberlain, late boatswain of the Eagle frigate, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **51.**]

27. The Act of Parliament for raising saltpetre in England, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to put into speedy execution.

28, 30. The petitions of George Purdue and of Phil. Smith referred to the Ordnance Committee.

29. The petition of Arthur Slingsby referred to the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations, to take bail of him if they see cause.

32. The petition of Wm. Davenport, Marshal of Chester, with the account of money disbursed for the maintenance of Scottish prisoners, referred to the Committee of Council appointed to consider his former account, to report speedily out of what treasury the money due may be paid.

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37. The examinations, informations, and papers before Council or its Committees, concerning Nathaniel Markes, merchant, for uttering false money in Ireland, to be looked up, and sent to Dr. Gurdon, to take care of the prosecution of the parties concerned, advising with counsel, and taking care that there be no delay in the business.

38. To write to the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland that the business of Nathaniel Markes is put in a way of trial, and they are to keep their hand on the estate of Henry Taylor demanded by him, until it be decided.

39. Dr. Gurdon to consider the abuse of circulating counterfeit money in Ireland, and report what may be done for prevention thereof.

40. Order, on petition of Sir David Hasteville, that Mr. Strickland speak with Mr. Dove and Mr. Edwards concerning him, and report to Parliament.

41. The letter of Council dated 9 Feb., written to the Committee for sale of Dutch Prize Goods, concerning delivering to Mr. Yale the ship King David of Enchuyzen, with other necessaries for enabling him to public service, to be sent back to them, and they required to proceed therein with speed.

43. The report made from the Admiralty Committee concerning Thos. Johnson referred to the Navy Commissioners.

44. 40*s.* a day to be allowed to Adm. Penn for his services as commander of the squadron that went with him to the Straits. The Navy Commissioners to give a bill to the Navy Treasurer for its payment. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 64–73.]

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Whitehall.

52. Council of State to the Navy Commissioners. Having considered the amount to be paid to General Blake and other officers of the fleet for the last year's service, we desire you to issue bills for paying 3*l.* a day to the General, 2*l.* to Vice-Admiral Penn, and 1*l.* to Rear-Admiral Bourne, for the time they were so employed. [½ *page.*]

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53. Petition of Peter Harris to the Admiralty Committee, for the place of clerk of the check in one of the ships now building at Deptford. Has served through the wars; was disabled 2 years through wounds at Basing House. Has been clerk of the check in the Mayflower of Sandwich, and saved the State 220*l.*; but this ship is now called in. [1 *page. See Warrants,* 16 *Feb.* 1653.]

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54. Petition of Thos. Chamberlain, boatswain of the Wren pink now at Chatham, to the Admiralty Committee, for a hearing, that he may know why he is displaced from his employment. Has served faithfully 14 years, and has attended to the rigging and storing of the ship for the voyage. [1 *page.*]

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55. Estimate of moneys necessary to be forthwith provided for carrying on the present service of the navy. Total 278,000*l.*; with note that there is no demand therein for supply of the stores in the Ordnance Office. [1 *sheet.*]

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Feb. 17. **56, 57.** Petition of Jas. Jackson, commander of the Green Olive of Ipswich, to the Council of State, for payment of 87*l.* 10*s.* for carrying packets to the fleet. Was hired by Government to sail to Norway, and a charter party entered into after the rate of 175*l.* a month; but several packets coming from the Council of State for the generals at sea, he was commanded to set out to sea with them, and deliver them to Capt. Pestell, in the Orkney isles, and in his voyage was pursued by Van Tromp's fleet for full 3 hours. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, and their reference, 21 Feb., to the Navy Commissioners. [2 *papers. Also I.* 39, *p.* 77.]

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1. The petition of Henry Tirrel, master of the Dove, referred to the Admiralty Committee to report.

2. James White, late Marshal of the Scotch army at Worcester, and now prisoner in Windsor Castle, to be removed to Chelsea College, to remain in custody of the Marshal-General.

4. The letter from James Wallace, — Dinton, and Robert Ramage, from Edinburgh Feb. 12, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

5. Order on petition of Capt. Thos. Monke, of Newport, Shropshire, now prisoner at Chester, that he be bailed on condition to act nothing prejudicial to the State.

8. Council can give no order on the petition of Capt. Francis Messervie.

9. The petition of Lewis Rosin, for satisfaction for public service, referred to Mr. Challoner, Mr. Strickland, and Sir Henry Mildmay, to report.

10. Sir Henry Mildmay and Mr. Scott to take in writing the information concerning the repairing of people to mass in the houses of Ambassadors and public ministers, and bring it to Council on Monday.

11. Order on the petition of the Scotch officers, prisoners in York, for something for their subsistence, that the allowance made by Parliament for keeping of prisoners be made to them as long as they remain prisoners.

13, 20. The petition of Nathaniel Hawes and George Payne, concerning the business of the Sta. Clara, and other petitions relating to it, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report; also the petition of Jas. Kirk, merchant.

14. Mr. Scott to report the state of the case of Samuel Livingstone.

16. Order on petition of Peter Cole concerning printing, that he be permitted to continue his trade, observing the rules and cautions expressed in the Acts of Parliament, until further order.

18, 24. The petitions of James Kendal, and of Jas. Powell referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

21. Order on petition of William Huby, that Mr. Scott be desired to report in writing what has been done by him in that business.

22. Sir Henry Mildmay to report to Parliament the paper of the

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King of Denmark, in answer to the demand of the Resident of the commonwealth for the restitution of English ships.

23. To write to the ports in the west to whom letters were written restraining ships from putting to sea, that the fleet being now out and manned, they may set out on their voyage, if they think they can do so without prejudice to themselves.

25. Mr. Say to bring next Monday a draft of the Act for penalties to be taken of such as are convicted of hearing mass.

26. Sir Peter Wentworth to move Parliament that power be given to the judges to dispose of a part of the penalties taken from persons convicted of hearing mass to the persons who discover them, that they may be encouraged and supported whilst employed in carrying on a business of that concernment.

27. Ald. Allein to acquaint Parliament that the Governor's house at Portsmouth will speedily be sold, being not excepted in the Act for sale of the late King's lands; and as the house and grounds are of absolute use to the garrison, it is requested that it may be excepted from the sale. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 74–78.]

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58. Council of State to the Navy Commissioners. The crew of the Hart frigate desire relief in respect of their losses when taken by the Dutch. Such of them as are in the service, or shall go in the ships now going to sea, should have five weeks' pay allowed in consideration of their loss. Order the payment thereof, upon their producing a certificate of their being enlisted in any of the State's ships. [½ *page.*]

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59, 60, 61. Order in Parliament that 2,446*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, part of the 14,446*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* in the hands of the treasurers for delinquents' estates, and also 11,638*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*, and all such other sums as come in on the additional Act for sale of delinquents' estates,—entitled An Act for further doubling the sum of 100,000*l.* upon the Act for sale of several lands and estates forfeited to the commonwealth for treason—not already disposed of by the House, go for the use of the navy, and be issued out according to former directions of the House. [1 *page,* 3 *copies; printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. VII., p.* 261.]

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COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Dr. Walker to move the Admiralty Court to give a speedy order on the Samson, Salvador, and George, according to justice.

3. The Sub-Committee appointed on Lord Lisle's preparations for his embassy to Sweden to meet him to-morrow at 7 a.m.; hear what he offers, confer with the Commissioners for inspecting the treasuries to see what way his money may be speedily furnished, as well that to be returned by bills beyond seas as that to be paid here; also to confer with the Admiralty Committee about shipping for him, and consider what else may ripen this business, and report to this Committee at their first sitting at 8 a.m. Mr. Love added to the Sub-Committee. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 77, 78.]

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1. Order that Mr. Strickland consider the petition of Angelique Fox for relief, and report.

2. The petition of Rich. Hayle referred to the Admiralty Committee.

3. Order on petition of James Lord Mordington, that he be allowed to go to Scotland, on giving security to render himself up to the Commander-in-Chief there, and act nothing to the prejudice of the commonwealth.

4. Wm. Prynne, prisoner in Pendennis Castle, to be discharged, in case there is no other charge against him than the one in the warrant of committal, and a warrant to be issued to the commander of the castle.

5. The petition of Michael Molins, late of Clapcot, near Wallingford Castle, Berks, referred to the Commissioners for demolishing the castle to examine, and if found correct, the petitioner is to be satisfied for the goods taken from him, out of the materials on the demolition of the castle.

6. The papers given in yesterday to the Commissioners of Council from the Portuguese Ambassador referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

7. The appointed Committee to meet the Spanish Ambassador next Monday at 4 p.m., in Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

8. The paper given in to the Commissioners of Council from the secretary from Venice, and reported to Council, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare an answer and report.

9. The Council to meet at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

12. The petition of Everard Ernions, sword-blade maker, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report. Mr. Bond to take care thereof. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 79–81.]

Feb. 18. Dover Castle. **62.** Capt. Thos. Kelsey to the President of the Council of State. Upwards of 70 sail of Dutch ships passed by yesterday, whereof 60 were merchantmen from Newhaven, laden at Morlaix, and the others men-of-war as their convoy. A man-of-war come in reports that our fleet are at St. Ellen's Point, Isle of Wight, and a vessel from Nantes reports that Van Tromp went to sea with his fleet the last easterly wind, 16 days since, and kept before the wind. The Crow is afloat, but wants seamen, which I cannot furnish, as the private men-of-war take all they can get. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 18. **63.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners see 22 State's ships and 40 merchant ships victualled for six months, and fitted to sea, 22 by 1 March, 20 more by 1 April, and 20 more by 1 May; also send a perfect list of the 40 merchant ships, and the terms of their contracts. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 18. Plymouth. **64.** Geo. Strelley to Robt. Blackborne, Custom House, London. The news of the Dutch fleet of 400 sail having passed eastward last Wednesday and Thursday is confirmed. The Marmaduke has come in from Ireland, and stayed at Scilly while the Dutch

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passed by. We conceive that fleet will be to-day as high as the Isle of Wight, where I hope our fleet may be ready to engage them. A Dutch prize of 80 tons, laden with French wines, has been brought into Fowey by a privateer, and another into Dartmouth from Bayonne with pitch. There is little to be done in the Customs, trade being obstructed. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 19. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order that such ships as are ready be sent to the Channel with all speed, to be employed in this present exigency.

2. The Admiralty Committee to give instructions for the managing of ships to be sent forth.

3. Also to confer with Major Bourne concerning the commanding of the said ships, by himself, or another fit person.

4. The commanders of the ships to have power to command any private men-of-war or merchant ships that shall be thought serviceable.

5. The Hare ketch to be discharged from arrest, and to go forth in this present service.

6. The report concerning prisoners which was to be made by Col. Norton, to be put into the hands of Sir John Trevor.

7. The petition of Robt. English and Alexander Finlaw referred to the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations, to renew the former report, and state the case and their opinion.

8. The petition of Ensign Alex. Aspinall referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 82, 83.]

Feb. 19. Dover Castle. **65.** Capt. Thos. Kelsey to the President of the Council of State. The seamen here being very jealous lest Van Tromp's fleet might be gone about by the North Seas, I sent for a privateer just now from Ostend, who says that 10 days since, he met at Ushant, near Brest, 15 Dutch ships dispersed from the fleet, and learned from them that Van Tromp has 110 men-of-war, besides merchantmen, and is sailing westward. The Ostender heard guns yesterday westward for two hours beyond Beachy Head, but he lost the sound in pursuing a French vessel towards the east. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 19. 2 p.m. Portsmouth. **66.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Council of State. At 9 a.m. guns were heard going very hotly towards the west of the Isle of Wight, and have continued more and more until now, being 2 o'clock, so that I conceive the fleets are engaged. I have no particulars, but see a rear-admiral standing for this port, having lost her mainmast, with three Flemish ships.

P.S.—Capt. Edwin, commander of the Oak, has come on shore, who was in the engagement yesterday until 2 p.m., they beginning at the break of day, and he having his masts maimed and his guns dismounted, was forced to come away, leaving them at it at night. The Assistance, rear-admiral of the Blue, having lost her mainmast, has also come in. I cannot learn that any of our ships, except the

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Sampson, have miscarried. They left off last night, but this morning began again, and the event is not yet known. Capt. Edwin saw six of the Dutch ships on fire before he left. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 19. **67.** Duplicate of the above. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 19. Portsmouth. **68.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Admiralty Committee. The Advice also has just arrived much hurt, after an engagement with five Dutch men-of-war, but another of our vessels coming up, three of them left her, and she sank the other two, with all their crew except seven. They have flung 30 dead men overboard, and have 40 wounded. Capt. Bourne of the Assistance has brought in 80 prisoners. I want an order to remove the wounded to some hospital, as there is no place to lodge them. The Advice left the fleet yesterday noon, off the Isle of Wight. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 19. **69.** Examination of Rich. Pittock, commander of the Hare pink. Capt. Johnson of Yarmouth required him, on a warrant from the Admiralty Committee, to deliver up his vessel with all her tackle, &c., except victuals. He refused, except on warrant from the Council of State, or of those from whom he received it. Johnson then went on board the ketch, now at Deptford, and demanded possession; he refused it again, when the serjeant, who was with Johnson, laying his hand on the main mast, declared delivery of the vessel to Johnson, and ordered the seamen off, but they refused to go. Johnson said if the vessel did otherwise than well, he would require her at Pittock's hands. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 19. **70.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that Col. Thomson report to Council the above. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 20. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

2. The Admiralty Committee to confer with the Lord General concerning embarking 1,200 or 1,500 land soldiers on the same terms as the others, and to give order accordingly. [*I.* 39, *p.* 84.]

Feb. 20. Whitehall. **71.** Council of State to the Navy Commissioners. In the present state of affairs at sea, the ships now preparing to go to sea should be ready to go forth by 1 March at the furthest; use all diligence in the speedy fitting them, and especially let them be well manned with good and able seamen, to which end you are to consider the proclamation lately made, and the other powers given by Council for raising seamen, and execute them if necessary, and give frequent accounts of your proceedings. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 20. Portsmouth. **72.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Admiralty Committee. We have no further news of the fleet. The Assistance, Advice, and Oak are so disabled as to be unfit for service until repaired. The Martin and Merlin are come to convoy in the Dutch rear-admiral, taken in the engagement, which is also much damaged. I want orders

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as to disposing of the very many Dutch prisoners, many of whom are dangerously wounded, as also to send the wounded English to the hospitals in London. A great number are brought in and many more to come, for whom we have not quarters. The Providence was taken, but regained by the Martin. Particulars of other ships. What is to be allowed a day for the Dutch prisoners, and what done for their care? [1 *page.*]

Feb. 21. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The letter from Col. Lilburne to the Lord General, concerning the business of Scotland, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider how provisions of biscuit and cheese may be made at Newcastle and Chester, and sent speedily to the forces in Scotland, and to report.

2. The appointed Committee to meet the Sieur de Bordeaux to-morrow at 5 p.m. at Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

3. Mr. Strickland and Mr. Purefoy to meet the agent from Emden to-morrow, at 3 p.m., to receive what he has to offer, and report.

4. Lord Commissioner Lisle to hasten his report to Parliament concerning Mr. Dury's livelihood which Parliament has ordered for him, and which he desires to be out of the sheaf of Hartland, Devonshire, the lease being, as he alleges, forfeited through delinquency.

7. Order on report by Mr. Scott concerning [Jacob] Momma, that he be discharged from restraint, and his papers delivered to him.

8, 13, 20, 32. The petitions of the widows of the company of the John; of John Plasse, late gunner; of Thos. Bonfellow, late quartergunner; and of John Hudson, late minister of the Garland, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

9. That of John Freeman and Adam Jennings, and the reference formerly made thereupon, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

10. The petition of Col. Ed. O'Dwyer referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider what number of Irish soldiers have been granted to him to be transported to foreign parts, and what further number may be granted, and report.

11. The petition of — Warner referred to Mr. Scott, to examine the business, and if he see cause, to discharge the person, or otherwise to report.

16, 36. The letter from the Hamburg agent, and the petition of Jas. Kirke, merchant, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

18. Sir Henry Mildmay added to the Committee to treat with the Spanish Ambassador.

19. Council to meet at 8 a.m. to-morrow; Mr. Thurloe to make by that time extracts of the intelligence sent of the late fight with the Dutch, in order to report them to Parliament.

23. Major John Ogleby and Edward Postgate to be discharged from imprisonment, and their examinations referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider what use may be made of them in the public service, and report.

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27. The appointed Committee to meet the Portuguese Ambassador next Saturday at 4 p.m., in Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

28. The Admiralty Committee to consider how the laws of war for regulating the fleet may be published in all maritime towns, so that seamen may have sufficient notice thereof.

30. The petition of Robt. Aldus, merchant of London, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

31. Also the petition of the Earl of Mulgrave, with the annexed certificate, and with such orders as Council has issued in that business, to peruse and report.

34. Also the letter from Col. Fitch to Mr. Scott, concerning furnishing forges and tools from York for Inverness.

35. Order on report from the Admiralty Committee that a small Dutch vessel, lately taken, brought to Tenby, be speedily fitted out as a man-of-war. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., Nos.* **73, 74.**]

37. Approval of the nominations by the Admiralty Committee of Capts. Peter Strong to the George, and of John Littlejohn to the Peter; and order that commissions be granted them from the Generals of the fleet.

38. The instructions for the Generals of the fleet approved.

39. Order on report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, concerning passing sums charged on Sir Adam Loftus' account,—viz., 1,760*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, paid on a verbal order for which he never received the Derby House Committee's promised warrant, and 100*l.* paid to Fenton Parsons, assignee of Lieut.-Col. Culme, for which he had a warrant, but it was lost when sent for alteration—that after full examination, Council think the auditors should allow both sums. [*I.* 39, *pp.* 87–93.]

Feb. 21. **75.** John Milton to Lord Bradshaw. But that it would be an interruption to the public, wherein your studies are perpetually employed, I should now and then venture to supply this, my enforced absence, with a line or two, though it were my only business, and that would be no slight one, to make my due acknowledgments of your many favours, which I both do at this time, and ever shall and have. This further I thought my part to let you know; that there will be with you to-morrow, upon some occasion of business, a gentleman whose name is Marvel, a man of singular desert for the State to make use of, who also offers himself, if there be any employment for him. His father was the minister of Hull, and he has spent four years abroad, in Holland, France, Italy, and Spain, to very good purpose, as I believe, and the gaining of those four languages; besides he is a scholar, and well read in Latin and Greek authors, and no doubt of an approved conversation, for he comes now lately out of the house of the Lord Fairfax, where he was entrusted to give some instructions in the languages to the lady his daughter. If upon the death of Mr. Wakerley [Weckerlyn], Council shall think that I shall need any assistance in the performance of my place (though for my part I find no encumbrance of that which belongs to me, except it

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be in point of attendance at conferences with Ambassadors, which I must confess, in my condition, I am not fit for) it would be hard for them to find a man so fit every way for that purpose as this gentleman; one who, I believe, in a short time would be able to do them as good service as Mr. Ascham. I write this sincerely, without any other end than to perform my duty to the public, in helping them to an able servant, laying aside those jealousies and that emulation which my own condition might suggest to me, by bringing in such a coadjutor. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 21. March 3. **76.** Bond of Ignatius Brett and Rob. White in 1,000*l.* to the Duke of York, that Brett shall well and truly perform the conditions of letters marque and reprisal granted him by the Duke, for two whole years. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 22. **77.** Petition of James Godscall, merchant, to the Council of State, for a pass and safe-conduct for a French vessel, the Gift of God, laden with lead from Dieppe, to come to Hull and return to Nantes, as no English vessel will undertake the voyage, on account of the war with Holland, and Dieppe is better affected to the commonwealth than any port in France. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 22. **78.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page; also I.* 39, *p.* 95.]

Feb. 22. **79.** Petition of Thomas Browne to Council, for employment. Served as gunner in the Fortune, where he was injured, taken prisoner, and pillaged of all that he had, and set on shore in Flanders, from whence he travelled to Ostend and Dover; since then, has been visited with a long sickness, whereby he is utterly impoverished, and unable to support his wife and children. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 22. **80.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page; also I.* 39, *p.* 95.]

Feb. 22. **81.** Petition of Elizabeth Alkin, *alias* [Parliament] Joane, to Council, for the place of nurse to the maimed seamen at Dover. Has been faithful and serviceable to the State upon all occasions in the late wars, in which she day and night hazarded her life, and was a great help to the imprisoned and maimed soldiers. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 22. Whitehall. **82, 83.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee to do what is desired, and their order, 24 Feb., that she be appointed to attend the sick and wounded at Portsmouth. [2 *papers; also I.* 39, *p.* 97.]

Feb. 22. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Hen. Vane to represent to Parliament the letter of the Collectors for Prize Goods from Dover of the 21st inst., with the narrative of the late fight with the Dutch.

3. Order for a warrant for an agent of the Ordnance Committee to impress teams and carriages, to bring 200 barrels of powder from Warwick Castle to London.

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4. The Admiralty Committee to take care that physicians and surgeons be despatched to Dover and Portsmouth, to take care of the sick and wounded. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **84.**]

5. Sir Henry Vane to acquaint Parliament with the intelligence of the late engagement with the Dutch.

6. Also to move Parliament to consider the families of those slain in the engagement, some being already known, and further particulars hourly expected.

11. The petition of the inhabitants of Wells, Norfolk, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

13. That of Richard Cranley, Richard Shute, and others, to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

14. The report concerning the Post Office to be considered tomorrow, the parties concerned to attend.

15. The articles made with Col. O'Dwyre to be brought in tomorrow to be considered.

17. Col. Sidney to present to Parliament the paper from the Sieur de Bordeaux, desiring a license to transport horses from England to France, for the use of the King, his master.

18. To write to Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth to take care that nothing be wanting to the sick and wounded brought in there, and to allow the prisoners a reasonable maintenance.

20. To recommend the Lord General to remove his officers and soldiers from Sion College, and appoint them quarters elsewhere. [*I.* 33, *pp.* 94–97.]

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85. Col. Rt. Lilburne to the Council of State. I received your answer concerning masts and tar. I thought you would not have ventured upon that work this year, as the season for making tar is already lost. Before I imparted much more to Mr. Sandiland, I thought it best to put him upon a contract with Lord Tullibardine, who has one of the greatest shares in each of those woods mentioned, together with Lord Cottington, Capt. Mason's widow, and Browne's widow, who lives near Royston, whose titles may be had at very easy rates, if Tullibardine can be gained, which I am pretty confident may be at a very easy rate, viz., 300*l.* or 400*l.*, for that which may be worth some thousands, if rightly managed. You will perceive by the enclosed that discoursing of this business in these parts heightens the thoughts of those men that have any interest in these woods, yet I doubt not but we shall so handle the matter (if Col. Ross be handsomely dealt with, whose woods are considerable for masts) that we may have all the rest at easy rates. The great work will be to secure our men, and victual them, for those wild parts afford but poor accommodation; and to have men at the head of the business who understand how to manage it. There will be charges, yet I hope within that which those commodities cost you in another way.

Upon Mr. Sandiland's return from Lord Tullibardine, I shall send him northward, with instructions to Lieut.-Col. Blount, and return to

him, or Major Bird, sheriff of Ross, the 200*l.*, to be issued as directed. I could wish some biscuit and cheese, with axes and materials necessary for the work, to be sent by the ship for Tarbert Ness. What Col. Ross has told you is pretty true, and to begin there, having his interest,—he being the chief of a great clan, and the Laird of Foulis, who is the chief of the Monroes, and high sheriff of that county, and very faithful to us—may further our business and gain us accommodation, as I am much afraid our men will hardly be able to live there until May.

P.S.—I intend sending 30 pioneers towards Ballangowne Wood, and desire the Falcon frigate may be fitted for that business. I have just seen a paper stating that 1,500 Highlanders, with Sir Geo. Monroe, Glengary, and the Chancellor, are in a body towards the north, which I doubt will interrupt our other business. If you send the ship you mention, it will be best to send her first to Cromarty, where we have a garrison. [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 22. **86.** Order in the Admiralty Committee, that the Navy Commissioners make speedy provision for relief of the sick and wounded sent on shore at Portsmouth, Deal, Dover, &c., either by sending down physicians or surgeons, or otherwise, and report this afternoon, and Mr. Langley to consult with them about its immediate execution. With 6 names of persons to be sent. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 22. **87.** Like order on the General's letter, that the Navy Commissioners supply the stores requested, to furnish the ships come in to Portsmouth; also that surgeons be despatched to the fleet; also that Pett and Hopkins, two of the Navy Commissioners, attend this Committee at 8 a.m. to-morrow. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 22. Portsmouth. **88.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Admiralty Committee. Last Sunday our fleet engaged the Dutch again, who after a hot dispute stood for the coast of France, and a northerly wind prevented the chase of them. Our fleet came into St. Helen's Road, much torn and shattered. Capt. Greaves in the President has brought in a Dutch man-of-war of 500 tons and 30 guns, which with the rear-admiral might be fitted out for sea. There is a great want of masts and cordage for the fleet, and of powder and other necessaries for the stores. Capt. Bourne begs to be excused writing, having received a dangerous wound in the head. I hope you will not be unmindful of the arrears due to the Ordnance officers, &c. at Portsmouth, as the men refuse to work without they are paid. I renew my suit for the appointment of a master-attendant here, business so increasing. Dutch prisoners and the sick and wounded are brought daily from the fleet, and we much want an order for their removal. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 22. Dover. **89.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I think our fleet are gone to the Isle of Wight, and 34 sail of the Dutch are off the coast, east of Calais. The Fairfax, commanded by Capt. Lawson, has arrived much shattered, and with 100 men lost or wounded. I have advised him to go to Chatham to repair, as there will be work enough of that kind here. I want orders as to a prize of 38 guns he has brought in, as also others laden with salt, wine, &c. [1 *page.*]

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90. John Pitson to Col. Whetham, Governor of Portsmouth. Part of the fleet has come into St. Helen's Road, and Capt. Greaves, who has come in a prize, reports that the fight continued until the evening of the Lord's day, which was the hottest fight of all, and that our loss is great both in ships and men, but he is confident that of the Dutch is treble. Our fleet left the Dutch off Fairlee, they bearing towards the French coast, which is not so friendly to us as to them. They gained way every night, and though our frigates might have reached them again, they having the windward, our great ships, which are much shaken by Friday's fight, would hardly have come up. Portsmouth and Gosport are full of the wounded, and the few surgeons found have their hands full; I suppose we shall have more, and there are more prisoners than there is house room for. [1 *page.*]

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COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Challoner to be chairman for the next month.

2. The sending Major Laurence to Constantinople to be considered on Friday. [*I.* 132, *p.* 78.]

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COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Commissioners for Dutch Prizes to allow 6*d.* a day to all the Dutch prisoners brought into Dover.

2. To write to the Mayor and Jurates of Dover of the said order, and taking notice of their care of the wounded sent thither, and to desire them to continue it; also to signify to them that their account of disbursements for that service is put into a way of examining and satisfying, and to desire them to certify what the prisoners are and their quality.

3. The letter from the Governor of Dover Castle, and the other letters of intelligence, to be presented to Parliament this morning by Sir Harry Vane.

4. To write to Major Bourne at Dover to send up into the Thames such prize ships as either are or shall be taken from the enemy and sent in there, by such opportunities as he shall think safe, and to employ such men-of-war in convoying them as can be spared from the fleet.

5. To write to the several postmasters on the road to Dover, that Council is highly sensible of their great neglect in the slow despatch of public packets, and to require more care, at their utmost peril.

6. The Earl of Salisbury to be President of Council for the next month.

7. The petitions of Captains Taylor, Young, and Chapman to be considered this day week.

8. The petition of divers merchants trading to Spain referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider it at the same time with the losses sustained by the English from Portugal.

9. The Fairfax, with the man-of-war brought in as her prize, and the rest of the prizes now in the Downs, to be brought into the river.

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Major Bourne is to take the ships of Capts. Green and Cole to convoy them as far as the Hope, or if he thinks they may safely pass without them, he shall direct the said two ships to sail to the fleet.

10, 11, 31–34. The petitions of Wm. Brandley, late captain of the Portsmouth frigate; of Susanna Purvis; of Rich. Symons, mariner, of George Evans; of Edward Surges; and of Elizabeth Tun, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

12. The paper from M. Barrière, this day delivered to Council, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

13. The Admiralty Commissioners to order, if they think fit, the fitting forth of a Dutch man-of-war prize now in Dover pier. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **91.**]

14. 10*l.* to be paid out of the exigent moneys of Council to Thos. Baker, who brought the letter from the Generals of the fleet, concerning the late fight with the Dutch.

15, 16. The Master and wardens, with three or four more of the Vintners' Company to come to Council at 3 p.m. to-morrow, and also the Navy Victuallers.

17. To order the Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prize goods to reserve all serviceable casks, pipes, staves, and clapboards which come into their hands, for use in victualling the navy, and to sell them to the Navy Victuallers at the market rate. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **92.**]

19. The Dutch war ship taken and brought into Dover by Capt. Lawson to be fitted up for service, and the Admiralty Commissioners to give orders accordingly. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., Nos.* **93, 94.**]

21. The order of Parliament of the 1st instant, concerning the clipping of money, to be considered this day week.

22. Lord Chief Justice Rolle and all others of Council of the long robe, also Major-Gen. Harrison, Mr. Scott, Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, Mr. Challoner, Sir Wm. Brereton, Sir Wm. Masham, Sir James Harrington, and Sir Henry Mildmay to be a Committee to consider the patent for the office of the postage of letters into foreign parts, the interest of Mr. Witherings therein, and his assignment thereof to the Earl of Warwick or others, and to state the facts and report. Also to consider all other claims made to the office by other persons, and to report. The Committee to meet in the Council Chamber next Tuesday, and report this day week. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **95.**]

23. The business of the inland postage of letters referred to the Committee for the foreign Post Office, to consider and report.

24. The letter from the Generals of the fleet to Council, telling of the late engagement with the Dutch, to be presented to Parliament to-morrow by Sir Hen. Vane.

25, 26. The appointed Commissioners to give the Portuguese Ambassador audience to-morrow at 5 p.m. in the usual place, Fleming to give him notice; also to meet him from time to time, as shall be necessary for expediting the treaty in hand, without special orders from Council.

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27. Order on petition of John Hubin, a German, that Dr. Walker prosecute the captain and company of the Discovery for plundering the Fortune, taken prize, and that the Navy Commissioners stop their wages until an account be given of the money and goods taken out of the said ship by them. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **96.**]

29. The petition of Henry Javerne referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

35. John Steiger, Peter Johnson, and Christopher Wormsar, Germans, prisoners in Chelsea College, to be discharged, on giving good security never to take up arms against the commonwealth. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 4–14.]

Feb. 23. **97.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that the informations relating to the Briar be referred to the Navy Commissioners, who are to examine the masters, and whether the captain was consenting thereto, and to report. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 23. **98.** Examination of Mich. Ballard, purser of the Briar, before the Navy Commissioners. Arrived at Tynemouth on 24 Jan. last, with a Dutch prize taken the day before, out of which he heard Jno. Musgrave, the boatswain, confess he had taken seven or eight cwt. of cordage, and sold it to one Lawson, master of a ship, and that Rich. Nesely, master's mate, and Jno. Turner, quartermaster, sold several barrels of beef, as did also some of the common men. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 23. Navy Office. **99.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We have renewed the proclamation of the Council of State for the appearance of seamen at the Trinity House, and ordered the taking up of 500 more by the Master of Waterman's Hall. We will, if you choose, send our messengers into the port towns, but we think letters from the Council of State to the several mayors to impress men would be more effectual.

We have despatched surgeons to Portsmouth, Dover, Deal, and Sandwich with medicaments, and a further supply is preparing. We want much money to remove the present clamours for want of pay. The Fortune at Bristol is 300 tons, and carries 34 guns; it would be well to give her another name. [1½ *pages.*]

Feb. 23. Dover. **100.** Major N. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. All of the Dutch fleet that has not been taken or spoiled has no doubt got home or near it. I have done my best to gain intelligence, but am now only fit to retire, and wish the service would admit it. I will despatch all at Dover to-morrow, and if I am to do anything else, let it be nearer home, that I may repair myself. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 23. Dover. **101.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. There are various reports concerning the whereabouts of the Dutch fleet. A man from Dunkirk says he came by 150 sail, chiefly merchant

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ships, whereon I sent three ships to gather up any stragglers. Then I heard that De Witt, with 43 ships fresh from Holland, had anchored about Gravelines, and that 35 more were at Calais Road. One says that on Sunday 150 passed by Dunkirk. I think the ships ordered hither for the northern guard might be drawn away, as they would be in danger, being seen, if any fresh party came from Holland. The Fairfax, although much shattered, has sailed for the Downs. She should go to Chatham.

I think if a special order was sent, 200 men might be obtained in Dover, Folkstone, Sandwich, and Margate. Care has been taken of the wounded, and the Governor of Dover Castle will observe your orders concerning Dutch prisoners. The Holland man-of-war taken by the Ruby has 36 guns, whereof 10 or 12 are brass, and although defective, she may be made serviceable. I shall complete all I have to do to-morrow, and desire a respite to recruit my health. [1¾ *pages.*]

Feb. 24. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on petition of Daniel Skinner, junr., and Company, merchants of Dover, that the petitioners shall prove the fact in the Admiralty Court, and the Admiralty Judges return it proved to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

2. To write to the Generals of the fleet to acknowledge their letter, congratulate them for their late success over the Dutch, thank them for the resolution evinced by the officers and soldiers, and to desire them to lose no opportunity to improve the present success to the advantage of the commonwealth.

3. The Admiralty Committee to order the ships appointed for the northern guard to attend that service according to the orders they shall receive, and to recall Major Bourne, now in command of the said ships, when they think fit. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **102.**]

4. To order all the postmasters on the road to Portsmouth to despatch quickly all despatches sent from or to the Council of State and the Admiralty or Navy Commissioners or Ordnance officers, and not to detain them at their peril.

5. The Admiralty Committee to consider fit convoys for conveying provisions from the Thames to the fleet, and to give orders therein.

6. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare instructions for such of the Admiralty Committee as shall repair to the fleet at Portsmouth, and to report them to Council to-morrow.

7, 9. The petitions of Wm. Purefoy, and of Nath. Burrowes, surgeon, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

8. To grant Matthew Lamb, fisherman, son of David Lamb of Tolesbury, Essex, a protection from impress, Council being satisfied that he is the only support of his father.

10. The Master and wardens of the Vintners' Company to inform themselves of such persons as (after knowing the Council's order to deliver up all serviceable casks at a reasonable rate to the navy) have otherwise disposed of them, and to return their names and

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addresses to Council; also to forward all casks they have in their hands to the Navy Victuallers, at the rates propounded.

11. To set Arthur Slingsby at liberty on bail, according to the report made to Council by the Committee for reviving the references made to the late Committee for Examinations. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 14–17.]

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2 p.m.,
Dover.

103. Major N. Bourne to the President of the Council of State. The Fairfax in the Downs shall be brought to Chatham. Her prize has not yet arrived, but I sent to assist her, since which the wind has changed, so that she may be gone to the Isle of Wight. I had ordered the deputy Collectors for Dutch Prizes to send up all prizes lamed in their masts or hulls, and the rest to be brought into Dover, and will provide for their convoy. I sent the John and the John and Elizabeth to the coast of France, to gather up lame and lagged ships that dropped from the enemy, and when they return, they shall sail westward. I wish the ship with masts, anchors, cables, and sails were here, to take that opportunity for their convoy. The other Dutch man-of-war is in the pier, and order given for her being fitted out. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 24.
Midnight,
Dover.

104. Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. Finding horrible mischief from the stealing of cables, &c., now when cordage is so dear, and hardly to be bought, I moved the Mayor of the town and Governor of the Castle to assist me, searched several houses, and found several hawsers, coils of ropes, sails, and other stores, which the owners say they bought out of the prizes. I have given them to the Prize Collectors, and taken the names of the possessors. These embezzlements are so common that the people declare they think it no wrong to the State. Another great mischief is that, when the prizes are sent in from the ships in the fleet, the seamen sell and dispose of all the goods between decks before they come in, and the rest here, under the nose of the prize officers, and for half the value. I have given order to the prize officers to stop such proceedings for the future. I hope my services will be acceptable. I shall go to Deal to-morrow, to despatch ships. [1 *page.*]

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COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Thurloe to prepare and offer to Council, on their order, some heads of instructions for the Admiralty Commissioners who are to go to Portsmouth.

2. The letter read for revocation of Sir Thos. Bendish to be reported to Council, and they moved to resume consideration of the person to be sent as messenger, and to reside there as agent till an Ambassador can be sent, and to see whether a fitter person may not be chosen.

3. The instructions for the said person to be reported to Council. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 79, 80.]

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1. To give liberty to Viscount Lisle, in consideration of the designment now upon him to go Ambassador Extraordinary into Sweden, to accept a visit from Commissioner Bonnell, sent from Sweden to this commonwealth, and to perform the like to him, if his Lordship shall think fit, and the like liberty to be given to him as to the Hamburg agent.

2. Order on the letter from the Hamburg agent, about freeing five ships belonging to Hamburg, viz., the Neptune, Young Tobias, Hope, Charity of Hamburg, and Flying Hart, now at Portsmouth, that directions be given to the Commissioners of Dutch Prize, and to such persons as have the said ships in custody, to deliver them to the parties to whom they belong.

3. The abstracts of the letters written from St. Sebastian's by the masters of English ships there, who were employed in carrying Irish foot into Spain, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare something whereby the fact may be represented to the Spanish Ambassador, and to report.

4. John Lord Sinclair, now prisoner in the Tower, to have the liberty of the city, on good security to render himself prisoner to the Tower when so required, and meantime to do nothing prejudicial to the Government.

5. To write to the Army Committee, — as Col. Harrington, whose business is depending before them, has petitioned Council for his liberty, alleging that the matter wherewith he stood charged before them has been fully inquired into, — that they should acquaint Council with the state of the business, to enable them to answer his petition.

6. The petition of Thos. Vincent, merchant of London, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

7. Also that of the owners of the Hope of Plymouth, to examine and report.

8. The petition of Henry Brett referred to the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations, to speak with the party who follows the business on the petitioner's behalf, and receive from him further information about Brett, and report.

10. Sir Wm. Masham and Col. Ingoldsby to acquaint the Lord General that Council,—having considered the restraint now upon Mr. Smith and Mr. Andrew Kerr, committed prisoners to the Tower with Robert Douglas and James Hamilton, who have been released and allowed to return to Scotland, and desire for the release of the others to accompany them,—incline to permit it, unless his Lordship see cause to the contrary, and will issue a warrant for their discharge, and a pass for their return to Scotland.

11. Col. Ingoldsby and Mr. Gurdon added to the Committee on the business between Mr. Legg and Mr. Kinnersly.

12. The Committee for reviving references, &c. to send for Bryan Taylor and the persons who have given in a charge against him, hear both parties, and report.

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13. The letters to be sent to Turkey to be considered next Monday.

14. Council to sit at 4 p.m. to-morrow, and the members in town to attend.

15, 16. The papers prepared by the Committee for Foreign Affairs, in answer to the papers delivered by the agent of Hamburg, now read in Council, approved, and to be sent to the agent in English and Latin, and delivered to him at 3 p.m. on Monday afternoon in the usual place; Fleming to give him notice. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 17–21.]

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Plymouth.

105. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Committee. I will hasten the fitting out of the Marmaduke and Sampson; they want lieutenants. The company of the former have refused to obey orders, and must be cashiered, and some of them have run away, leaving six months' pay due, so that Capt. Blagg is much troubled that it is his lot to be with such a crew. Capt. Plumleigh is gone to Dartmouth, to get men for the Sampson. Last Wednesday two fleets were seen off Mount's Bay, supposed to be Dutch. [1½ *pages.*]

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106. Robert Coytmor to General Deane, on board the Triumph. The ships of the west having leave to sail for Newfoundland, you will lose 2,000 mariners, and many on board your ships will run away to go with them. You will find Scotch, Irish, and English among the seamen you have taken. You should cause martial law to be executed on some of them for example's sake, and put them to fling the dice, that one out of 10 may suffer for it. There are Acts of Parliament for their return home to serve the State, and not to serve any foreign state upon pain of death. [1 *page.*]

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The Triumph,
Isle of Wight.

107. Gen. Rich. Deane to the Admiralty Committee. I cannot send a list of the fleet on account of the weather. I have sent all the lame and unserviceable ships into Stokes Bay and Spithead, the rest, 20 sail, are gone to ply westward, and between Fairlee and Boulogne, under Captains Durnford and Hill. Three ships would bring the masts, sails, and cordage needed. I hope that some of the Commissioners will also come, otherwise affairs will suffer. [1½ *pages.*]

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Dover.

108. Major Nich. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. The Advantage has come in, and reports that the Waterhound is coming in with a Hollander, now off Beachy, after several hours' fighting, and in which we lost one man, and had several wounded, and that she is laden with wool, rice, fruit, oil, and some plate. I intend to take 20 men out of Capt. Hosier's ship for the Crow, who wants 100, and to send Hosier up for one to convoy them and the Advantage, being much shattered in the fight. Particulars of ships. Capt. Green chased a Holland ship of 300 tons, and forced her ashore near Blackness, where she was destroyed. I shall expect a supply of necessaries shortly. [1⅔ *pages.*]

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8 a.m., Portsmouth.

109. John Poortmans, Portsmouth, to Robert Blackborne. The fleet lies off St. Helen's Point. Portsmouth is full of wounded Dutch and English, and prisoners, but Mr. Willoughby is much troubled that surgeons are to be sent; he had provided 10, and fears the poor men would suffer very much by a change. I beg your prayers for them, and can say with David, "Myne eye affects my heart," and having seen the sad condition of some of them, I cannot but have bowels of pity drawn out towards them. [1 *page.*]

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9. a.m., Portsmouth.

110. Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Admiralty Committee. The Generals have had a council of war to know the state of the fleet; most of the ships are maimed, and will be put into Stokes Bay. We want stores for them. We are taking all possible care of the wounded here and at Gosport. I had provided eight or ten surgeons before any came from London, and can get more if needed; 70 wounded Dutch have also been brought on shore; we have not sufficient accommodation for them, as they are coming daily. We beg you to hasten down a master attendant, as the service may suffer for want of one. [1 *page.*]

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5 a.m., The Triumph.

111. John Poortmans to Robert Blackborne. I have just got on board, and acquainted General Deane what ships are to go to the fleet. He is very earnest for the Commissioners' coming to Portsmouth, to consult about the state of the fleet. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The letter from the commander of the Advantage frigate, this day read in Council, recommended to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXIII., No.* **112.**]

2. To write to the Mayor of Dover that Council, having resolved to remove the Dutch prisoners from Dover Castle, desires him to deliver up such as are able to march to an officer of horse appointed by the Lord General to guard them from Dover to Canterbury.

3. To write to the Mayor of Canterbury that the Dutch prisoners are to be moved from Dover thither, and to desire him to provide a place for their safe keeping, to be kept at 6*d.* a day, the charge to be defrayed by Council, on the making out of his account.

4. The Admiralty Committee to take care that all possible means be used for furnishing men to the ships now to go out from the Thames, and for hastening the ships out.

5. Also to order that the convoy for the north and south coasts be supplied with fit shipping, as shall be required.

6. Col. Fielder to represent to Parliament that Council finds, by reason of the great want of money for exigencies, that the public affairs committed to their care sometimes suffer, and to desire that a fit sum may be appointed to their use, so that they may be enabled to discharge the duties committed to them.

7. To write to [Rich.] Bradshaw to contract for 2,000 barrels of powder at Hamburg at reasonable rates, and to despatch them forthwith hither, and for payment to draw bills on the Navy Treasurer.

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8. Order, on report from the Admiralty Committee concerning the settling of a post to run between Portsmouth and Dover, for the better despatch of Navy business, that it be referred to the Committee appointed to consider the business of postage, who are to sit in the Council Chamber on Monday morning, to consider this business, and report.

9. The report from the Admiralty Commissioners, concerning the erection of a new powder mill for serving the pressing occasions of the State, referred to the Ordnance Committee.

10. As it has pleased God to give the fleet good success in the late engagement with the Dutch in the Channel, and the Generals being come with the fleet near the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, &c., Council thinks they should be advised with as to how the present mercy may be best improved, and other affairs managed with most advantage. Therefore the Admiralty Commissioners are desired to repair speedily to Portsmouth, and being arrived with the Generals—

(1.) To congratulate them on their success, and assure them of Council's sense of their honourable deportment in the action, and what a mercy it is that their lives have been spared. Also to signify to the rest of the fleet who have behaved worthily Council's acceptance of their service.

(2.) To inquire into the present state of the fleet, that they may give effectual orders for its supplies.

(3.) To hasten out to sea the ships required for this summer, and settle their disposal for the honour of the State and preservation of trade, especially in the Sound and East Sea, and also in the Straits, where affairs require the speedy sending of a squadron. Therefore they are to consider whether, as affairs now stand, one may not be spared and sent into the Mediterranean. The Commissioners and Generals to report their opinions therein to Council with speed. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 22–25.]

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113. Order in the Admiralty Committee that, as affairs require their speedy repair to Portsmouth, so that they have not time to choose the officers for the merchant ships which are to be hired, the Navy Commissioners appoint all under the degree of captains and lieutenants, seeing that they be God-fearing, faithful, and able. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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Portsmouth.

114. Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Navy Commissioners. I am glad to hear of the despatch of the masts, sails, cordage, and anchors, as they are much wanted. We have canvas, but want suits of sails. For an account of God's dispensation in the last engagement, I must refer you to that sent by the Generals to Council. I will consult with the surgeons about the wounded men, and will send up such as are fit. I enclose a demand for some stores for furnishing the ships. There are 7 tons of cordage, which can be bought for 40*s.* per cwt. ready money. Pray order the treasurer at Portsmouth to pay my

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bills for navy provisions. Send down one of the sea books of the Sampson, as since she was sunk, some of her men have come on shore, and should be paid. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 27. / Mar. 9. Porto Ferraro.

115. Capt. Rich. Badiley to John Wise, commander of the Richard and William. The Great Duke of Tuscany having laid his commands upon me that the six English ships of war within the Mould of Leghorn shall depart the port in 8 days, and finding that some of the ships are unfit for an engagement with the enemy for want of men, and considering how much it may import the honour of the commonwealth of England to make ourselves as formidable as we may, being to dispute with an enemy who in these parts are more potent than ourselves, I require and command you forthwith to consign all your mariners, officers, guns and ammunition, to the respective commanders of the several ships whose names are annexed, they giving you authentic security in case of disaster; but, after this conflict with the enemy is over, I oblige myself to return you all your guns and what else is received in this port, unless any just impediment hinders me. In the meantime I will give you bills or security upon Mr. Longland in Leghorn, for any guns, ammunition, and other stores you shall put on board any of the State's ships under my command, and make good all damage that may accrue or happen through this detention or disabling you of your men and ammunition, Parliament having undertaken to make good all damages and losses whatsoever, and these guns, ammunition, and men tending so much to the strengthening and preservation of the whole fleet and honour of our nation. And for acting in conformity to what is before denoted to you, I do, by virtue of the power given to me from the Parliament of England to be Commander-in-Chief for their occasions in these parts, hereby acquit and indemnify you from all pretensions whatsoever, either from your merchants, owners, or any others that shall molest you, on any other pretence.

And towards the maintenance of your ship, and so many men as shall be convenient to keep her, and otherwise for your wear and tear, you are to have paid you 50*l.* monthly from this date, as long as you remain without your guns and ammunition to proceed on your intended voyage; to which purpose I shall give you sufficient credit in Leghorn or elsewhere. In case you should be ordered by any of your principals to deliver your goods abroad, and you receive your freight agreed on, you can pay your seamen's wages for the time they have served you, and your merchants and owners are to apply to the Council of State for reparation of all damages and losses sustained by the commands that are laid upon you for the public good. [*Copy,* 1¾ *pages.*]

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3. Mr. Thurloe to look over the Acts for encouraging navigation and for regulating printing, and if it appears that Council is not empowered to grant John Tracey's petition, this is to be signified to him.

5. Alex. Barnardiston to attend this Committee on Friday.

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6. To request Council to move Parliament that Huet Leat may be considered for his losses by the Spaniard, out of the revenue of the Santa Clara or such other way as Parliament thinks fit. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 80–82.]

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1. The petition of James Giear of Weymouth, referred to the Ordnance Committee.

3. To let the Navy Commissioners know that two of them are to attend a Committee of this Council at 8 a.m. to-morrow in the Council Chamber.

4. The petition of Joseph Fowler, merchant, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

6. The Committee formerly appointed to consider the disposing of prisoners taken in the last engagement, to consider to what places the prisoners now in Portsmouth may be disposed, and to report.

7. The appointed Committee to give Sieur de Bourdeaux audience at 3 p.m. to-morrow at Whitehall, Fleming to give him notice.

8. The appointed Committee to give the Hamburg agent audience at 5 p.m. to-morrow, at Whitehall, Fleming to give him notice.

9. The letter written to the Lord General out of Scotland, about transporting Irish from Ireland to the western isles of Scotland, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider what vessels are fit to ply in those seas for the prevention of what is intended, and to report.

10. To make a copy of the letter this day received from the Straits, and send it to the Admiralty Commissioners.

11. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to satisfy themselves of the fitness of Maj. Laurence to go into Turkey as agent from the commonwealth, and to report.

13. Lord Bradshaw, Col. Fielder, Sir Gilbert Pickering, Mr. Goodwyn, John Trevor, Mr. Lister, Mr. Strickland, and Mr. Gurdon to be a Committee further to examine the business of the challenge between Mr. Cockayne and Mr. Mordaunt, and to report.

14. Mr. Thurloe to have Mr. Cockayne bound in the same sum as Mr. Mordaunt, the condition to be that he shall not prosecute the challenge sent him by Mordaunt.

15. Mr. Thurloe to look out the directions that have been given to Council concerning commissions for setting out private men-of-war in Scotland, and report to-morrow. With note to look out some letters to the Commissioners in Scotland, and some orders to the Admiralty Judges on this business.

16. Mr. Scott to move Parliament for their direction concerning several English, Scotch, and Irish that were taken prisoners aboard the Dutch ships and in their service, in the last engagement.

17. Maj.-Gen. Desborow to take order that the town of Plymouth may use the castle and houses thereto belonging, for placing there such sick and wounded seamen as shall be sent there from the State's ships, until further orders from Council or Parliament. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 26–29.]

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Feb. 28. The Sapphire, Downs.

116. Capt. Wm. Hill to the Council of State. We are 11 sail, and our station between Portland Head and Blackness, and are all lying off Beachy. We have had some rough weather, but shall put to sea to-morrow, if the wind serves. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

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117. Order in the Admiralty Committee—on the petition of Thos. Harrison, Governor of Upnor Castle, for repair of the Gatehouse, which took fire, and five soldiers' rooms were burned, and for covering in of the north tower, built by Major Browne but left uncovered, so that it will soon be destroyed, there being timber in Chatham dockyard unfit for shipping but fit for repairs,—that the Navy Commissioners have the Gatehouse and tower surveyed, and certify the charge and the necessity of repair. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 28. Navy Office.

118. Instructions by the Navy Commissioners to John Hosier, commander of the Magdalen, in pursuance of orders from the Admiralty Committee.

1. You are, with the ships under your command, and with the 10th Whelp, which is appointed to convoy for Newcastle, to take into your charge all vessels in the Thames bound for Newcastle, and sail with the first wind, in company of the Swan, John and Elizabeth, Weymouth pink, Briar, and Adventure, that are bound as a convoy northwards, or of so many of them as are now ready to convoy the said merchant ships to Newcastle, and as soon as a convenient number of ships are there ready to come to London, you are to take them into your charge, and return with them to the Hope or Lee Road.

2. You are strictly charged that neither you nor any under your command demand or receive any money, gratuity, or other reward whatsoever.

3. You are to keep a perfect journal of your proceedings, and give the Admiralty Committee a frequent account thereof, and follow such directions as you shall receive from Parliament, the Council of State, Generals of the fleet, or Admiralty Committee.

We send the laws and ordinances of war for the regulating and better government of your ship and those with you. With similar instructions to Capt. Rob. Wyard of the Adventure for convoying vessels to Inverness. [2 *pages.*]

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119. Like orders for Capt. Wilkes of the Swan to convoy ships to Newcastle. [*Copy,* $1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*]

Feb. 28. Midnight. My bed.

120. Major R. Salwey to the Admiralty Commissioners, Chatham. It was 7 before I reached Whitehall; Council was up, but the President was there, and informed me that Council had already desired the Lord General to send down 1,200 soldiers to the fleet, and that he had ordered 500 out of his own regiment to be at Gravesend to-morrow, and 500 more out of Col. Ingoldsby's lying near Sandwich. The President summoned a Council, to whom I gave an account of affairs, and your propositions about having land soldiers. They were impatient of delay, and dismissed me, but I desired Mr. Creed to wait the General's coming forth, and to receive his commands where I should attend him. Meantime I found out

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Col. Goff, Col. Rich, Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, and Alderman Allein, and made them sensible of the importance of this business, and have sent for Capt. Alderne and Major Thompson. I observed nearly 20 ketches sailing towards and from Gravesend.

P.S.—The General sends word that all is despatched, and an express gone to you. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 28. Leghorn. **121.** Charles Longland to [the Navy Committee]. You will have heard of the encounter of the three frigates with six sail of Dutch; we have no certain advice yet of the success, but some presume to write from Naples that the frigates have been much damnified, and lost 25 men, which will much weaken this already weak fleet, and draw more charge upon them. We do not yet hear of the departure of any of the ships from Venice, and it would but displease you to hear how backward they are, considering the great occasion here is of them. I refer you to Capt. Badiley's relation as to what has passed here between the Great Duke's secretary and him with regard to the Phœnix, which will sufficiently show you in what a strait your ships are. I enclose an account of my disbursements in the State's affairs, besides what I have expended in provision and ammunition for the ships, for which Capt. Badiley has given me his bills, amounting to 3,891. 11. 11 dollars; I have drawn upon Mr. Hutchinson, the navy treasurer, for 1,021*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*, or at the rate of 6*s.* 3*d.* per dollar, and hope you will give him order for payment. With particulars of the expenditure of 1,000*l.* ordered to supply Capt. Appleton's squadron. [*With copy of his letter of* 14 *February.* 2 *pages.*]

Feb. 28. Venice. **122.** Capt. Jonas Poole to the Secretary of the Navy Committee. I arrived here from Leghorn, by order of Charles Longland and Capt. Badiley, on $\frac{5}{15}$ January, to take up such ships as I should find fit to serve the republic of England, but our enemies having intelligence thereof, so far prevailed with the Lords, notwithstanding my letters patent from Ferrara, that I was forced away to the Lazaretto, and there no man, upon pain of death, dared speak with me. This lasted from noon until evening when, through my friend Hen. Wood, I had liberty given me, and began to request the State there to license me to go through my work. I daily waited upon the College, but got no audience until $\frac{14}{24}$ January, when I was referred to the seven delegates or committee of their navy, who pleaded their own necessity of shipping to serve against the Turks, and desired me to spare them what ships I could. I entreated their patience until an answer from Mr. Longland, and in the interim, went on treating with the commanders of all such ships as I found fit for the service, viz., the Northumberland, Freeman, Bendish, Smyrna Factory, and Vivian, whose commanders have given receipts for their commissions, and used all diligence in fitting their ships, being all careened, their guns fitted, and provisions on board; the greatest hindrance will be the want of men, but we are endeavouring to provide both seamen and soldiers. Captains Pagge, Waterman,

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and Crowder are here; if they had all been taken up, we should not have found men for them, neither would the republic of Venice have been well satisfied.

I formerly had some disputes with the commanders on account of their want of money, but being now all unanimous, they endeavour to speed out of port. I fear their despatch will be somewhat tedious. [*Copy, 2 pages.*]

[Feb.] **123.** Petition of Capt. Peter Bowen to Sir Hen. Vane and the Admiralty Commissioners, for their warrant confirming his appointment to command the Nightingale frigate. With note that Humphryes, now captain, is reported to be a coward. [1 *page.*]

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March 1. **1.** Petition of William Rayner, and five other inhabitants of East Mersey, co. Essex, to the Council of State, for some allowance for cutting turf used in repairing and upholding the fort there since 1648. [½ *page.*]

March 1. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The letter from the commander of the Sapphire frigate to be sent to the Generals of the fleet, that they may give fit directions.

2. The letters written to Council from several ports in the Mediterranean sea referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

3. The paper brought in from M. de Bordeaux to be considered to-morrow. The members of Council in town to attend.

4. The Commissioners appointed to treat with the French agent to give audience to Mr. Bonnell, public minister from Sweden, at 4 p.m. next Friday, at Whitehall, to receive what he has to propound. Fleming to give him notice.

5. To write to the Admiralty Commissioners of the design now on foot to transport Irish into Scotland.

6. The order of Parliament of this day, concerning an answer to the letter from the Switzers, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare the answer and report.

7. Also the order referring to Council to consider the Act inhibiting English seamen to serve abroad.

8. Sir John Trevor, Col. Fielder, Col. Sidney, and Mr. Scott, to be a Committee to examine Mr. Denham, lately come from France, and to report his examination.

9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 23. The petitions of Isaac Addington, owner of the Sarah of Boston; of Margaret Smith, widow, of Dover; of Capt. John Coppin, late commander of the Speaker; of Elizabeth, widow of Randolph Jennings; of Rob. Rich, merchant; of

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Thos. Hopkins; and of John Adams, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

11. The letter and papers of 5 Feb., from Mr. Bradshaw, Resident in Denmark, from Copenhagen, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider what should be done, particularly in the business of Waites, and to report.

14. The petition of George Mowle, prisoner at Chelsea, referred to the Committee for reviving references, &c., to examine the petitioner, and report.

16. Major Andrew Rhetorfort [Rutherford], and Lieut. Jas. Crae, prisoners in the Gatehouse, to be discharged, on security not to depart this town without leave, and to appear before Council within 24 hours after notice left for them at places nominated in this city.

18. The bond entered into by Wm. Boden and Francis Nedham, for Sir Joseph Douglas, to be given up to them.

20, 21, 22, 24, 26. The petitions of John Lovering and James Gayer, merchants; of John Brown; of Richard Salter; of Wm. Pym, together with the papers annexed; and of Simon de Caserez, merchant of Hamburg, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider and report. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 30–34.]

March 1. Whitehall. **2.** Wm. Rowe to the Admiralty Commissioners at Portsmouth. The Generals of the fleet have been applied to for a convoy for the ships at Portsmouth, with 2,300 qrs. of corn for Limerick, Galway, and those parts where they want bread. Capt. Hatsell has also 2,000 qrs. laden at Plymouth, and the same convoy would serve both. Our friends should not die for want of bread if it may be helped. Let Mr. Blackborne write me what is done in it.

There are other ships lading for Limerick, Waterford, and Dublin, in the Thames, at Sandwich, and at Portsmouth, which will need convoys. Is the Fortune fitted to convoy 8,000*l.* worth of cheese, soldiers' clothes, &c. from Bristol? Rich. Browne would see the Dutch prize at Tenby fitted out.

Council writes to-night to the Commissioners in Ireland to order the Primrose to ply in the seas between the north of Ireland and the west isles and islands of Scotland, hearing from Col. Lilburne that an agency is set up between those parts, and Irish and Scots brought over from Ireland. General Deane knows what the tools are that are or were about Ayr. I think the land forces in the North of Ireland, who have nothing else to do, might obviate such projects. It is thought here that not only the Generals but yourselves have been failing, in not having in all this time made an exact collection of the late wonderful work of the Lord.

P.S.—I hear from Youghal on 18 Feb. that 18 French men-of-war were seen thereabouts. I suppose you have heard of two Dutch fleets of 100 sail each, off Mount's Bay, Cornwall. There is intelligence from Calais of the Dutch fleet of merchantmen coming from Rochelle. [1 *page.*]

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March 1. **3.** Instructions [by the Navy Commissioners] for Capt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth pink, to go with the Briar to Yarmouth, apply to Major Burton, merchant there, and convoy vessels that he shall name laden with provisions for the State to the Hope, when they will be ordered into one of the State's yards. Thence to sail to Hull to Capt. Wilkes of the Swan, and return with him to London. [½ *page.*]

March 1. The Paragon, off Pombino. **4.** Capt. Rich. Badiley to Capt. Appleton. I am glad the Great Duke is so far pacified with you, and is willing you should continue your command until this dispute is over, and then, upon a consultation with some friends, I shall do for you what I can, and hope we shall reach your desires. I request that all the ships may be of your squadron for the present, except the Bonadventure, and that is to be of mine. I came from Porto Ferraro last night with eight ships and a fire-ship, in good equipage, having got the fly-boats, men, and guns, and all the crew seem to be gallantly resolved. I suppose we may be almost a third of the way over, and ere this reaches you, we may be in sight.

Consult with Mr. Longland and the commanders whether it were not best to warp the ships without the Mould head, as I think it would be best this fine weather. If I see the ships plying out to meet me, I intend plying to windward of them until I see you under sail, and plying after us, and when it's a gale, I shall endeavour to break through them, so that I may join you. If the wind be off shore, and you see them coming out to me, haste as for your life to follow, with all the sail you can, so that we may not be too much oppressed before you come. Desire Mr. Longland to supply you with powder and shot for me.

P.S.—Tell Capt. Lynes if he sees me boarded, I expect he will board them that board me. I suppose you and the Dutch vice-admiral will try a pluck for it, and although he is a great boar, yet he is but a boar, and who knoweth, being the game of this country, he may be hunted as well as others. [1 *page, copy.*]

March 2. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Barnardiston and Penning to attend this Committee on Friday.

2. To report to Council, on the petition of Wm. Pym, and several merchants of London, and on the petition from most of the port towns in the West of England, that letters of marque may be suspended as to the ships of St. Malo, and that they may have passes and protections, as those of Dieppe and Calais; but as the nature of this desire so nearly relates to the treaty in hand with M. de Bourdeaux, the French public minister, they will not give an opinion till Council have declared their sense on his last paper. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 82, 83.]

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March 2. Instructions [by the Navy Commissioners] for Capt. Littlejohn of the Peter, now in the Hope, late laden for the State, to convoy her to the Downs, and under direction of the captain of the Crow, go with her and the John, to convoy vessels to Portsmouth. But if the Crow and John are gone, he is to wait further orders. [½ *page. See No.* **3**, *supra.*]

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3. The petition of John Hunter referred to the Admiralty Committee.

5. Note to send Col. Fielder another order for moving the House for exigent moneys.

7. The petition of Sir Wm. Dick referred to the Irish and Scotch mittee, to report.

9. The whole business of the Post Office, and the state of Mr. Witherings' claim to the office for carrying letters into foreign parts, as also of his executors and others, who claim part of the profits by assignment, to be reported to Parliament by Sir Wm. Brereton. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 35, 36.]

March 3. Southampton. **5.** Rich Belchamber to the Admiralty Commissioners, Portsmouth. I delivered your letters to the Mayor and chief officer of the town, who are ready to assist, but will write to you for some easement. I have provided money, and honest people to distribute the State's allowance to the prisoners, when they come. The sheriff of Bristol has brought in 250*l.* collected there, and sent here for the sick and wounded in the last engagement, and the 23 here have been liberally treated. I am going into the country to find money to reimburse my friends, and will then wait upon you. [1 *page.*]

March 3. Southampton. **6.** Major Peter Mumford to the Admiralty Commissioners at Portsmouth. The Mayor, magistrates, and Capt. Moss's company will help me in taking care for the quartering and guarding such Dutch prisoners as may be sent, but I am busy, being left alone at present in the receipt of excise here. Only such number should be sent as could be secured in some warehouses, and guarded by this small company of 60. The Mayor hears that 1,200 are ordered here, but there is not much room, the sick and wounded being already quartered in private victualling houses. The few inns that are here will only accommodate daily travellers, and there is no securing prisoners in merchants' or tradesmen's houses, nor can straw or mats be provided for them. They should be within the walls of the town, not the suburbs, for security, and 1,200 with those here already would breed sickness, and endanger the whole town. When the army of the Earl of Essex came from Cornwall, and 2 regiments of 1,000 men were quartered in the town in 1644, a sickness broke out which carried off 100 inhabitants; I told the General, and one regiment was removed. [1 *page.*]

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March 3. Southampton. 7. Thos. Cornelius, Mayor, and five aldermen of Southampton to the Admiralty Commissioners. To the same effect as the preceding. The town is sickly. We think Poole, Weymouth, and the Isle of Wight are convenient places for prisoners. [1 *page.*]

March 4. Order in the Committee for Trade and Foreign Affairs, that the business of Major Laurence be considered on Wednesday, both parties to attend, and notice to be given to Bernardiston and Col. Hardwick. [*I.* 132, *p.* 83.]

March 4. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Lord General to report to Parliament the letter now read, in answer to the letters from the cantons of Switzerland.

2. The appointed Commissioners to give the Portuguese Ambassador audience at 4 next Monday. Fleming to give him notice.

3. To write to the adventurers for the Earl of Bedford's fens, that there are many Dutch prisoners taken in the late fight, of which they may have such number for carrying on their work as they think fit, and to desire them to answer speedily.

4. The order of Parliament concerning the English, Irish, and Scotch prisoners, taken in the last fight in arms against the commonwealth, to be considered this afternoon; the Act for recalling mariners, and the order of Parliament made 2 or 3 days ago, to be looked up.

5. The clause of the letter from the Admiralty Commissioners at Portsmouth, concerning the amount of powder necessary for supply of the fleet, to be referred by Mr. Potter to the Ordnance Committee, to consider and report on Monday.

6. To send to the Navy Commissioners and Ordnance officers to hasten away the provisions to the fleet at Portsmouth, and to tell them that the ships of war in the Downs are appointed to convoy them.

7. Sir H. Mildmay to report to Parliament the letters from Dover concerning the difference between the Commissioners and Collectors of Prize Goods, and to move them to consider the draft of an Act in Mr. Say's hand for settling that business, the service much suffering for want of its determination.

8. Order on information how much the service in the business of prizes is obstructed by a clashing betwixt the Collectors for Prize Goods and the Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prizes, that the said collectors forbear meddling with the Dutch prizes until Parliament shall give further order.

9, 18, 19. The petitions of Wm. Williams, shipwright; of Rob. Rich, merchant; and of John Salmon, of the Elizabeth of London, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

11. Col. Kelsey's letter of the 3rd instant, directed to Council, to be despatched to the Admiralty Commissioners, now at Portsmouth.

12. — Jacobson of Dover to be sent for to answer matters objected against him on behalf of the State.

13, 14. The petitions of Rowland Elcock, and of Nat. Hawes,

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George Payne, and Co., referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

15. Mr. Thurloe to declare to Dr. Walker that he may give such answers as he thinks fit to the paper published by the advocate of Flanders, upon the proceedings in the Admiralty Court upon the Samson, Salvadore, and George, and publish the same if he see cause.

16. The letter from the Ordnance officers, with George Margett's offer to sell some gun carriages and shot for the use of the public, referred to the Ordnance Committee.

17. Order on Wm. Jacob's petition for a captain's place in one of the State's ships, that he must apply to the Admiralty Commissioners.

20. The Ordnance officers and Mr. Molins to come to the Ordnance Committee at 7 a.m. to-morrow, and Mr. Hooper, clerk of the Committee, to attend.

21. The license granted to Edw. Young of the Edward, for keeping his company free from impress, to be granted to Roger Young, commander, for whom it was intended.

22, 23. The Admiralty Judges to give an account to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, on Monday, of what ships belonging to the Queen of Sweden are upon trial in the Admiralty Court, and an account of their respective cases, as formerly directed; and Mons. Bonnell's paper thereon referred to them.

24, 34. M. de Bourdeaux's paper, and the petition of Col. Ralph Cobbett, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

25. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider what course shall be taken for bringing to trial the English, Scotch, and Irish men taken prisoners in the late engagement with the Dutch, and to report.

26. Mr. Scott and Col. Sidney to speak with Ald. Allein, Mr. Bond, and the rest of the Treasury inspectors, concerning the speedy providing of money for the embassy into Sweden, and other exigent occasions of Council, and to desire Allein and Bond to tell Council on Monday what they shall do herein.

27. Order on the petition of Nat. Goodlad and Thos. Crisp,—alleging they have sustained losses by the Portuguese in the river Gambia, and have proved the same in the Admiralty Court,—that the Admiralty Judges state the business as it stands, and certify it to Council.

32. The letter of the Ordnance officers concerning powder, and so much of the letter from the Admiralty Commissioners of 2 March as signified the want of 300 barrels of powder, referred to the Ordnance Committee.

33. The petition of John Bishop referred to Mr. Scott, Col. Ingoldsby, Ald. Allein, and Mr. Lister, to view Vauxhall, the place therein mentioned whence the materials were taken, examine the business, and confer with the petitioner, and to report what may be done for his relief, as he is a known and able artist, and in relation to his service to the State. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 41–48.]

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March 4. **8.** Council of State to Robt. Blackborne, secretary to the Admiralty Commissioners. We received yours of the 2nd, and approve the order to be sent to Portsmouth, and have ordered the Navy Commissioners to speedy dispatch. The Ordnance Officers signified to us this afternoon that there are at Rye large quantities of iron shot, ready to be brought to the Tower for the public use, and also some at Portsmouth, for which a convoy is ordered. The enclosed was received this afternoon from Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, and we thought fit to send it you.

P.S.—Since writing the above, Major Bourne informs us that the ships for transporting the shot are ready, and wait only a wind. Surgeons and physicians are wanted. [1 *page, short hand, undeciphered.*] *Endorsed: "Copy of the Council's letter, received on the road near Peterfield."*

March 5. Whitehall. **9.** William Rowe to Robt. Blackborne. Our great masters are too busy to answer my letters, but I want to know whether any convoy has been appointed for the ships going with provisions to Ireland, whether the officers for the Dutch man-of-war at Bristol and Tenby have been selected, and what ships are designed for the Irish squadron. I send you news from Deal. Robin Coytmor has intelligence that Tromp died of his wounds the day after he came into harbour. Let me know what news comes to hand from your squadrons, though you have your hands full of business. [1 *page.*]

March 6. Lord's Day. Order in the Council of State, on information that Gen. Blake is fallen very ill at Portsmouth that Col. Wauton and Mr. Scott desire Drs. Prideaux and Bates, in Council's name, to go this night to Portsmouth, to give their advice for his restoring to health. A coach and six horses will be ready, and a messenger will attend them to defray the charges of the journey. [*I.* 40, *p.* 49.]

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1. Order on petition of Edward Carter, surveyor, and Thos. Stevens, clerk of the works, that Mr. Bond, Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Gurdon, Sir Wm. Masham, Col. Wauton, and Sir John Bourchier, be a Committee to confer with the Commissioners for Revenue and for Whitehall, concerning the matter alleged in the petition, and give an account to Council.

3, 5, 6, 7, 8. The petition of the ship's company of the Anne Piercy; of John Arthur of Weymouth; of Roger Homer, mariner; of Jas. Blake, master of the Constant of London; and of Wm. Topp, of the Endeavour of London, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

4. The petition of John Chaworth, merchant, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

9. John Robinson, Scottish minister, formerly released from the Tower, and since remanded with others to prison in Scotland, upon Council's late general order, to be discharged from further restraint,

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unless new cause be certified for his detention, to which end a letter is to be sent to the Commander-in-Chief of Scotland, and the Lord General to be acquainted therewith.

10. The proposition of Mr. Wollaston referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **10.**]

11. The resolves of the Admiralty Commissioners to be considered to-morrow, and the members of Council in town to attend.

12. The report ordered to be made to Parliament by Col. Fielder, about providing money for the exigencies of Council, to be made by Sir Henry Mildmay; and he is also to move Parliament to pass the Bills for the adventurers in Ireland, and for the satisfaction of the soldiers there.

13. The bill of exchange from Mr. Bradshaw, for payment of 200*l.* to James Wainwright of London, for so much by him disbursed in Denmark for relief of English seamen, to be accepted, and paid out of Council's contingencies.

14. The Commissioners appointed to treat with the Portuguese Ambassador (in respect of his present indisposition) are to meet him at his own house on Wednesday. Fleming to give him notice.

15. The paper from Sir Hardress Waller and Dr. Carteret, dated the 4th instant, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

16. Also the petition of Col. Ralph Cobbett, to grant what is therein desired, if they see cause.

17. Charles Longland's letter to Council of 25th February to be sent to the Admiralty Committee, who are desired to confer to-morrow morning with the Ordnance Committee concerning so much as relates to the providing of powder. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **11.**]

18. Order on the petition of Philip Isaacson. . . . .

19. The letter from Capt. Badiley to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **12.**]

20. Order on the petition of Jeen Masen, master of the Golden Dove, *alias* the Olive Branch, that a copy be sent to the Admiralty Judges, with order to proceed effectually in the cause, and meantime to give such relief to the petitioner as the law permits.

21. Order on the petition of the trustees for sale of delinquents' lands, for money for carrying on their service,—Council finding that 16,000*l.* only has been paid towards the salaries of surveyors, clerks, messengers employed in executing the first Act for sale of the said lands and other incident charges, and that a great sum is still due for the same; also that nothing has yet been allowed for executing the second and third Acts, and the said trustees desiring for the present only 15,000*l.* to keep the work going,—that the state of the business be represented to Parliament by Col. Wauton, with Council's opinion that the said sum is necessary for carrying on the service, and to move them to order the Treasury Commissioners to issue warrants to the treasurers for moneys raised on the sale of

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delinquents' estates, to pay 15,000*l.* on warrants by the trustees for the sale of them, and to authorise the said trustees to give out warrants for issuing the said sum for payment of the salary of counsel, surveyors, clerks, messengers, and other officers, and for incident charges. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 50–55.]

March 7. **13.** Order of the Ordnance Committee that Edw. Shooter, storekeeper at Lyme, send up to the Tower all the ordnance carriages, shot, muskets, swords, pikes, and ammunition in the stores there (except 1 iron demi-culverin, 9 saekers, and 2 minions, which are to be left for securing the harbour), giving notice to some men-of-war to convoy them. Such arms as were taken into the magazine, and belong to well-affected persons, he is to redeliver to the respective owners, and to give notice. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 7. Leghorn. **14.** Charles Longland to the Navy Committee, Westminster. On the 1st instant, the Great Duke sent his last message to Capt. Badiley, that he must either leave one of the State's ships here in pawn for the Phœnix frigate, until she is restored, or depart this port in 10 days, which he is resolved to do; and to that end he departed for Porto Ferraro to fetch the Paragon, three frigates, and four merchant ships entered in the State's service, and as soon as they come in sight of this port, these will go out to join them, although 16 Dutch men-of-war lie in the road. It had been better if they could have stayed for the conjunction of the Venice ships, but Providence has otherwise determined. I hope all will be for the best, as a better opportunity than this, with less odds, we may not meet with in six months. If God gives us the day, I hope Capt. Badiley will so husband the business as to keep the mastery of the seas, which will be of very great import. Meantime it will be very requisite either to send the money hither from Lisbon, or from some other place, as the large sums I have already expended to furnish your occasions have exhausted both my cash and credit. [*With copy of his letter of* 28 *Feb.* 1652–3. 2 *pages.*]

March 7. Porto Ferraro. Capt. Rich. Badiley to the mariners on board the Richard and William. The affairs of the commonwealth of England in these parts necessitate me to make our ships of war as formidable as may be, having to do with a potent enemy, and by the advice of a council of war, I have thought meet to require the use of the guns and the help of such men as are on board the Richard and William; and that they may have the greater encouragement to proceed along with us in this expedition, besides the gratuity given them in hand, and the pay of the State while they are employed in men-of-war, I oblige myself, in case they do not return to their ship within three months, that 28*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.* shall be paid to John Whittington for his wages, and that I will save him harmless from all disasters to the ship and goods in their absence, and I will also pay them once in 14 days three months' pay on account of the wages due upon the discharge of the ship, whether in England or elsewhere. [1 *page. See Vol. XXXIII., No.* **115,** *supra.*]

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1. The petition of the merchants trading to the Eastlands referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider the same on Friday week, and report what they think fit to be done.

2, 4. Also the petition of Samuel Terrick and Luke Lucie, merchants of London; and the two petitions of the merchants trading to Bilboa.

9. The ship Fortune, Captain Storey commander, now at Bristol, to be called the Cardiff.

10. To recommend the Admiralty Commissioners to order Capt. Storey to convoy all ships now in Bristol water bound for Ireland, and laden with provisions for the forces, and carry them to Waterford, or wherever they are consigned; also to take on board his own ship the tent cloth and materials, and deliver them to the Governor of Waterford, and return a certificate of the delivery to the Committee for Irish and Scottish Affairs. [*Vol. XXXIV., No.* **15.**]

11. The Admiralty Commissioners to confer with the Lord General concerning appointing 600 more land soldiers for the fleet, and to desire him to order those who choose them to be very careful that persons fitly qualified be chosen; also to give order for their marching to the south coast, to be there quartered in convenient places between Portsmouth and Plymouth. The said Commissioners to provide carefully for their accommodation when on board, as they did for the land soldiers last sent.

12. To recommend the Generals of the fleet to give commissions to Capt. John Lawson to be rear-admiral of the whole fleet, and to Capt. Martin to be vice-admiral of the fleet under Capt. Badiley, which is now or shall be sent into the Straits. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **16.**]

13. To recommend to the Admiralty Commissioners to have put into execution the resolutions taken concerning the setting forth and commanding of the fleet.

14. The list this day given in to Council of ordnance in several garrisons useful and necessary for the setting forth of the fleet to be sent to the Lord General, and he desired to order their speedy transport, with their equipages, to such port or place as the Admiralty Commissioners shall judge fit.

15. The state of the case of Robert Inglish and Alexr. Finlaw, creditor of the executor of Gualter Frost, deceased, late servant of the Council of State, as contained in the paper annexed, to be reported to Parliament by Lord Commissioner Lisle, with the report concerning the condition of Mr. Frost's family, as it is now certified. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 56–59.]

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17. Council of State to Sir John Wollaston and the other treasurers for sale of fee-farm rents. Council is now wanting 5,000*l.* for despatch of the Ambassador for Sweden and other pressing affairs, and would charge it on the sale of fee-farm rents, but they hear that it is already charged beyond the income. In the present exigency we desire you, on credit of those receipts, or any other money in

Council's disposal, to pay 5,000*l.* to Gualter Frost, assistant clerk, and you shall be speedily reimbursed. With receipt by Frost of 4,000*l.*, 16 March. [1 *page.*]

March 8. Plymouth. **18.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Robt. Blackborne. Repair of ships. Although Parliament has advanced the pay of seamen, it does not encourage them, as the merchant traders have exceeded their pay by so much that 1,500 men have gone to the Isle of May and Newfoundland, and many more are going.

As the Dane is inclined to carry on the Dutch interest, we may not expect any ships or hemp from him, and the French forbid the bringing away of cordage from St. Malo. I think no ships taken from the Dutch should be sold as prize, as they only fetch the price of the materials, but they should be stripped, and their masts, cables, &c. used for the service. I hear from Morlaix that Rumens Colle, a Dutchman, has been appointed a Commissioner to manage Dutch affairs at Brest. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

[March 8.] **19.** List of officers fit to serve in the Fortune at Bristol. [⅔ *page.*]

March 9. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order on the petition of John Chaworth, merchant,—for protection for a Hamburg vessel to carry French goods from Havre de Grace to Cadiz, and to return—to report to Council that it should not be granted in the present state of affairs with France.

3. The paper read in answer to that of Mr. Bonnell to be reported to Council.

4. To report the Committee's opinion that Major Rich. Laurence, notwithstanding what has been alleged against him, is a fit person to carry the letters to the Grand Seignior, and those for revocation of Sir T. Bendish, and to negotiate and execute Council's instructions on that behalf. [*I.* 132, *pp.* 84, 85.]

March 9. **20.** Petition of Capt. William Burrell, Governor of Mersey Island, Essex, to the Council of State, for an order for payment of 17*l.* 10*s.* for turf already used for repair of the fort, and of 10*l.* for more required for this spring. Considering the troubles on the seas, there is a great necessity for the sudden repair and strenthening of the fort, as also the building of a timber house for the gunners and their assistants, which will amount to 100*l.* Certain of the poor inhabitants adjacent have, out of their good affection to Parliament, contributed their help for the last 4 years, in sparing turf for repairing and upholding the fort, and now much more is required.

With reference thereon to the Ordnance Committee, and their report, 10 March, that 60*l.* may be advanced on account out of the contingent money of Council. [1 *page. Also I.* 40, *p.* 65.] *Annexing,*

20. I. *Certificate of Thos. Bassett and John Hall that they have surveyed the ground where turf has been cut, and conceive the loss sustained by the owners amounts to* 17*l.* 10*s.*, *and*

request that it may be raised out of the hundred of Winstry adjoining or otherwise. [1 *page.*]

March 9. **21.** Petition of Joyce Odson, widow, to the Council of State, for discharge of her son Henry from impress, that she may not be totally ruined. Her eldest son William is at sea in the service, and she knows not whether he is alive or dead, and she, being 60 years old, and 2 younger children, are entirely maintained by Henry. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners. [1 *page. Also I.* 40, *p.* 66.]

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3. The petition of Henry White referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

4, 5. The petitions of John Perryman, and of Matthew Penyer referred to the Admiralty Committee.

6. Order on the petition of Tidde Haeyckes, shipmaster of Emden, that the Admiralty Judges be sent unto to certify the case as it now stands before them.

9, 10. The paper now read in answer to that of Monsr. de Bordeaux approved, and the appointed Commissioners to meet him at 5 p.m. to-morrow at Whitehall, to deliver him this answer; Fleming to give him notice.

11. The petition of the Ordnance officers this day read referred to the Ordnance Committee, to report.

14. To declare that after to-day, Council will no more protect any ship's company from being impressed into the service, until the fleet [is supplied].

15. To desire the Lord General, out of the troops of horse in the West, to appoint some guards to lie between Guildford and Portsmouth, and Farnham and Portsmouth, to take up all such seamen as come from those places without passes from the Generals of the fleet, and to send them back thither under a guard.

16. Maj.-Gen. Harrison to acquaint the Lord General that Council has thought fit, on the petition of the Earl of Traquhair, to give him liberty to return to Scotland for 6 months, on the same terms as his liberty was granted before, unless the Lord General see cause to the contrary.

17. The same power given to the Navy Commissioners this year as last, for enabling them speedily to make ready 40 merchant ships now to be taken up, and to impress those whose owners are unreasonable in their demands for hire, or unwilling to have their ships in the service. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., Nos.* **22, 23.**]

18. The letters brought into Council by Sir Hardress Waller, concerning the injuries done to English seamen and shipmasters in Spain who carried Irish soldiery thither, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider and report what should be represented to the Spanish Ambassador.

19. The papers which remain with the Irish and Scotch Committee, concerning the post business, to be delivered over to the Committee of Council lately appointed for that purpose.

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20. The petition of Ald. John Fowke, now Lord Mayor of London, referred to the members of Council who formed a Committee last year for consideration of his propositions, who are to consider his petition, and offer their opinion thereon.

21. The Ordnance Committee to contract for setting up more powder mills, as they are needful.

22. To write to the sheriffs of all maritime counties, and to all justices of peace inhabiting the hundreds of any counties near the ports, to the same effect as was written to the vice-admirals, for impressing men for the service.

23. To empower Capt. John Wilde to impress all such seamen as he shall find fit, and to call to his assistance all justices of the peace, as he shall have occasion.

24. To order Mr. Scutt, usher to the Council, to buy for their use next winter 200 loads of billetts.

26. The informations given in against Bryan Taylor to be sent to the Recorder of London, to take care to proceed according to law against the parties informed against.

28. The petition of the inhabitants of Bray in Berkshire referred to the Navy Commissioners.

29. To write to the Governor of Calais.

30. Order—on Lord Bradshaw's informing Council that James Hamilton had been with him to thank Council for the 100*l.* directed to be paid to him, Robt. Douglas, John Smith, and Andrew Kerr, towards their charges, but offering reasons to be excused from acceptance, and also begging that Mr. MacGuire and David Liddell, their countrymen, ministers, prisoners at Chelsea, might be released, they having declared their resolution to live peaceably—that Council grants their desires about their countrymen at Chelsea.

31. Order that MacGuire and Liddell be discharged and permitted to return to Scotland, and the Marshal-General to have notice thereof. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 61–67.]

March 9. **24.** Order in the Admiralty Committee in the case of Peter Bigleston, merchant of Exeter (concerning wheat taken out of his ship the Joanna, by some of Gen. Blake's fleet, when he lay before Lisbon),—the Admiralty Judges reporting that he should be relieved by Council, and Council referring the case back to this Committee;—that the Committee were satisfied with the proofs that the corn was taken, but not of its value and quantity in English measures; that they referred the case to Thos. Boone and Edw. Bushell, who report it to be worth 383*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* (being 8*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* per moy Portugal, 2 of which make an English ton of 40 bushels Winchester measure), which in their opinion should be paid; and Council is requested to declare from what treasury it is to be paid. [1⅓ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

24. I. *Invoice of the said wheat laden at Angra in Tercera, with charges and commission by Rich. Dorinton.*—2 *June* 1650. [1 *page.*]

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24. II. *Deposition by Rowland Searchfield, before Wm. Clerke, that its value is* 383*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*—19 *Nov.* 1652. [1 *page.*]

24. III. *Report by Drs. John Exton and Wm. Stephens, Admiralty Judges, on the case.*—3 *Dec.* 1652. [2 *pages.*]

24. IV. *Order in the Admiralty Committee that Col. Fielder report the case and the said report to the Council of State, and request their orders, the corn being laden in Tercera Island in* 1649, *before Bigleston knew of the differences between England and Portugal, the alleged value being* 450*l.*—10 *Dec.* 1652. [1 *page.*]

24. V. *Report by Edw. Bushell that at the time in question, the Portuguese milrea was worth* 10*s.* 11*d.*—*London,* 5 *Jan.* 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

24. VI. *Certificate by Gen. Rob. Blake that in March* 1650, *Bigleston asked his leave for a vessel to go from Lisbon to the western islands, which he gave, saying, "I came not to hinder but to further trade," and that the Joanna, a French vessel from the islands, was seized by the Elizabeth frigate, and a few days after, Bigleston claimed part of her lading of corn.*—*Chatham,* 15 *Jan.* 1653. [3 *pages.*]

24. VII. *Order in the Admiralty Committee that Thos. Boone and Edw. Bushell certify the measure and worth in English money of the wheat.*—21 *Jan.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

24. VIII. *Their report that the value of the wheat seized is* 383*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*—*London,* 4 *March* 1653. [1 *page.*]

[March 10.] **25.** Petition of Joshua Greene, Mayor, and 15 aldermen and inhabitants of Lynn and Boston, to the Council of State, to order the Briar frigate, commanded by Capt. Samson, to return as convoy to the vessels there. Thanks for former favours in ordering the Concord, commanded by Capt. Mould, and the Briar for the said service, but the latter being ordered away, the Concord will not be a sufficient guard for the security of the northern coasts, in regard of the many imminent dangers apparent by the enemies on those seas. [1 *page.*]

March 10. **26.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 40, *p.* 69.]

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1, 3. The petitions of Robt. Hammon, and of Maurice Gardner, merchants of London, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

4. Col. James Graham, prisoner in Chelsea College, to have the liberty of the city, on security not to depart its limits without license from Parliament or the Council of State.

5. Sir W. Fleming, who has now returned from Scotland and rendered himself up prisoner to Council, to have the like liberty, on giving security to appear before Council when summoned, and to act nothing prejudicial to the State.

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6. The petition of John Freeman, merchant of London, referred to Mr. Thurloe.

7, 10, 13, 14. The petitions of the traders for Ireland; of Thos. Brown; of the ship's company of the Anne Piercy, late in the service; and of Susanna Lee, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **27.**]

8. The petition of George Fisher, deputy storekeeper of the small gun office in the Tower, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to consider his services, and what has usually been given him as an extraordinary for the same, and to report.

11. That Committee to consider of a further supply of powder and saltpetre to be made (beside what is reported to be furnished from Leghorn) either from that place or some other, as they find most convenient for its speedy obtaining.

12. Order that Sir Gilbert Pickering represent to Parliament that Council, finding it requisite for the service in the late invasion by the Scotch army under Charles Stuart, to hasten up a train of artillery from hence to Worcester, sent orders to the Militia Commissioners for co. Northampton to impress several draught horses for expediting its march, which was done; that an account has been brought in of the damage of the persons from whom the horses were taken, amounting in the west division to 186*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.*, and in the 10 hundreds of the east division to 114*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*, in all 300*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, which appears to be justly due to them; and it being propounded that the sum may be borne equally by the whole county, he is to move Parliament to pass an Act to enable Commissioners for the said county to assess and collect 300*l.* in such manner as the assessments for the army are collected, and to pay the money to the owners of the said horses, according to their damages received.

15. The appointed Commissioners to meet the agent from Sweden at 9 a.m. to-morrow in Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

16. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Hamburg agent at 3 p.m. to-morrow at Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

17. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Ambassador from Portugal at 4 p.m. to-morrow at Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 68–72.]

March 10. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. The order of Parliament, referring it to this Committee to apportion the 30 persons to sit in Parliament for Scotland to the several places, was produced and communicated to the deputies, who pray time to consider thereof.

2. They beg the Commissioners to present to Parliament the great burdens they allege the people of Scotland are under, by the assessments upon them, the want of a Mint, and the false ryals there.

3. They pray that before the commissions for judicatories in Scotland be renewed, or further order given for continuance of assessments, they may be heard thereunto.

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4. Conference resumed on the Act of oblivion, and several amendments offered by the deputies.

5. Order on an order of Parliament of 25 Feb. last, that Mr. Scobell, clerk of Parliament, deliver to John Phelps, clerk of this Committee, all papers and books returned from Scotland touching delinquents and sequestrations.

8. The deputies pray that the condition of the Scotch prisoners, at Chelsea College and elsewhere, may be represented to Parliament for their enlargement.

9. The deputies present a letter, with a bill of exchange, for them to receive at 28 days' sight 500*l.* from the Treasurers-at-war, in part of three months' advance, and hope they may receive their whole pay as ordered by Parliament. They withdraw.

11. The deputies to meet the Committee to-morrow at 8 a.m. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 55–57.]

March 10. Committee to confer with Scotch deputies to Wm. Leman and John Blackwell, jun., Treasurers-at-war. Parliament having ordered the Sequestration Commissioners at Leith to advance three months' payment to the deputies sent from Scotland for their expenses, we desire you to direct your deputy resident at Leith to receive the moneys paid by the said Commissioners, and return them on sight to whom the deputies appoint to receive them.

P.S.—The deputies having just delivered us the enclosed bill of exchange, we desire you, on their behalf, to pay the 500*l.* therein mentioned to them or their assignee. [*I.* 138, *p.* 55.]

March 10. Portsmouth. **28.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We will hasten forth the ships designed for the southward. Particulars of ships. Vice-Admiral Penn has gone on board the James, and will sail on Saturday. We could employ 100 shipwrights more if we could have them from London. We will send an account of the victualling of the fleet when finished. The medical men very much complain of want of accommodation for the 300 sick and wounded here and at Gosport. As Rochester Castle is near the river, with good air and water, and eight acres of ground, it might be bought reasonably, and fitted up at little expense, although in a ruinous condition. We have been at great expense in providing them; the 7*s.* a week formerly allowed will not suffice. Our three weeks' arrears come to 600*l.*, and as little can be obtained from the Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prizes, we shall be forced to charge bills on the Treasurer. We think the Richard and Martha and the Ann Piercy very fit to be hired for the service. [2⅔ *pages.*]

March 11. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order on the petition of Maurice Gardner,—complaining that his ship, the Green Knight, was taken by a French man-of-war, and carried into Toulon,—to report to Council that he should be required to prove his case in the Admiralty Court, and thereupon care should be taken in his, as in other like cases.

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3. To report to Council that a protection should be given to the Good Time of Abbeville, to pass from Portsmouth to France, with a lading of sugar, and return.

4. The case of Nath. Hawes, relating to the Santa Clara, to be represented to Council, that order may be taken.

5. The Admiralty Judges to certify the case of Simon de Caseres, depending in that court.

6. To report to Council that, in the present state of affairs with Denmark, the petition of John Mathewsen of Copenhagen, for release of the Justice of Copenhagen, stayed with her lading at Portsmouth, should not be granted.

7. The petition of Capt. Peter de Mere to be considered this day fortnight.

8. The former report concerning Drs. Walker and Clerk, recommitted for further consideration, to be again offered to Council, after debate thereof.

9. Lord Bradshaw and four others to consider the order of Parliament about the English, Irish, and Scotch taken prisoners by our fleet in the late fight with the Dutch; to look over the late Act for calling home mariners, and other laws on that behalf, and report on Monday how the prisoners may be brought to trial.

10. To report to Council that for better executing the orders of Parliament concerning the said prisoners, the Generals of the fleet should be requested to send a list of those taken and brought to Portsmouth, signifying particularly their country; also to have the English and Scotch examined as to how long they served the enemy, on what occasion they came amongst them, &c., and to transmit the list and examinations to Council with speed. Also that the like direction should be given to Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, Governor of Dover Castle, and the Mayor of Canterbury, concerning the prisoners there.

11. Order on the petition of merchants trading to Bilboa for convoy for their ships, now ready, there and back, to report to Council to recommend the Admiraity Committee to assign them such convoy as more weighty affairs permit.

13. Lord Bradshaw to prepare a draft of a commission for hearing and determining Rigby's case, according to an order of Council. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 1–5.]

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1, 12. The petitions of Wm. Warren and Caleb Veren; and of Fras. Habinica, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

2. Order to declare to the Admiralty Judges that all letters for private men-of-war, granted out to any of this nation by warrant from Council, are to be granted as well against the French as against the Dutch.

3. The Admiralty Commissioners to give order as they see cause for sending out of the Thames all ships fitted to go forth upon the service.

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5. The petition of John Bishop referred back to the former Committee.

7. The liberty of the City and 10 miles round to be granted to Lord Spinie on security to appear on summons, not to go beyond his limits, and not to act to the prejudice of Government.

8. The petition of Chas. Wayte referred to the Committee for reviving references to the late Committee for Examinations.

9. The petition of Major Andrew Rheterford and Lieut. James Crae referred to Col. Sidney and Mr. Scott, to report.

11. Order for a protection from impress for the company of the Iceland frigate, Peter Steward, commander, and her 30 men, the ship going in consort with others outward bound on a trading voyage, whereby they will be a mutual security against the enemies. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 73–75.]

March 11. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. The clerk reports that he delivered the letter of 10 March to Capt. Blackwell, Treasurer-at-war, who hopes to satisfy the bill of exchange, in case a person authorised by the deputies comes to the Treasury for it, but as the deputies are unknown to the treasurers, he wishes the Committee to appoint one of their officers to certify the letter of attorney that shall be sent.

2. Order that the deputies be acquainted therewith, and that the clerk certify the letter of attorney.

3. The deputies called in and informed that the 500*l.* will be paid them on the bill of exchange, if they send for it, and that the Committee will move Parliament for speedy advance of the whole, as well what is formerly ordered, as the other three months now begun.

4. Conference resumed on the Act of oblivion. The deputies press that the exception in the Bill may be left out, and that it may extend to all the people in Scotland, and withdraw after debate.

5. The deputies to meet the Committee on Wednesday next, the 16th. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 57, 58.]

March 14. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. M. Barrière's papers to be considered on Friday.

3. Dr. Walker to give a full account, with all speed, of some speeches lately used in open court, much derogating from the due respect and honour thereof, upon the trial of the ship Samson in the Admiralty Court.

4. Order on petition of John Helmes, citizen of London,—for restoration of 80 half cloths, seized by the searchers of Gravesend at the departure of the Danish Ambassadors, and pretended to belong to them,—to report to Council that on examination of Helmes, and of Penny the searcher, this Committee finds no ground for discharging the cloths, and that both parties should be dismissed from further attendance.

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5. Order to report to Council, on the petition of John Godscall, merchant,—for license to withdraw from Holland by way of Flanders his estate invested in potashes, madders, and whale-fins,—that this Committee does not think Council authorised by Parliament to dispense with the navigation Act, or to give any direction in cases of this nature.

6. Mr. Nayler to put in writing the information he gave this morning, and deliver it with speed.

7. Order on the petition of John Freeman and Adam Jennings, merchants of London,—stating that Council having given them liberty to use some of the Danish ships detained here to fetch pitch and tar, on security for their return, they freighted two ships, but one belonging to Copenhagen, John Mathewsen, master, cannot go till he can discharge his debts out of his lading, now detained in the stores at Portsmouth, and desiring leave to use another ship—that Council should grant them another ship, on sufficient security for her return.

9. The Admiralty Judges to certify on Wednesday the case of Simon de Caseres and Capt. Ware, depending in their court.

10. Order to report that it is not in the power of Council to grant the petition of Rich. Salter for discharge of a parcel of annatta, used in dyeing, brought for him from Middleburg in an English bottom, but seized by the Customs' officers. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 6–9.]

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1. The petition of the saltpetre men referred to the Ordnance Committee, to consider what is therein desired and report.

3. The Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prize Goods to deliver after appraisement all prize ships, with tackle and furniture, ordnance, and ammunition, judged fit for service, to the Navy Commissioners and Ordnance officers, to be by them disposed of according to directions by the Admiralty Commissioners.

4. The Treasury inspectors to give order that money be speedily supplied to Council for their contingencies, as they have no money to satisfy several bills of exchange drawn upon them, especially one from the Mayor of Dover for 500*l.* for the use of the sick and wounded men, who greatly require it.

5. The order of Parliament of the 10th instant, giving power to Council to give order concerning the import from Dunkirk of such goods as were landed out of the Samson in the Straits, and have been brought overland into Flanders, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

6. The extracts of the intelligence now read to be sent to the Generals of the fleet, to-night if possible, desiring them by letter to consider what may thereupon be done for the service, and especially about the Dutch fleet at St. Martin's. With note to send the messenger to the Admiralty Commissioners.

8. Order on the petition of Col. Wm. Urrey, Lieut.-Col. David Law, Major John Fuller, and Cornet Walker Douglas, that the Marshal-General in whose custody they are now prisoners certify

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particularly their conditions, especially that of David Law, as to health, after which Council will consider their desires.

9. The papers brought in to-day from the Hamburg agent referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

11. The letter from the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland, enclosing the articles of Ennis Buffin, also a copy of the commission given to Sir Phelim O'Neile from the late King, to be presented to Parliament by Col. Sidney, together with a letter from the Resident of Hamburg.

12. Order on a report from the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations, that — Mainwaring at Dover be discharged from his employment there.

13. The whole business of the passage at Dover recommitted to the said Committee, who are to inquire themselves concerning the constitution of that office, and the manner of its execution, to which purpose they are to prepare a letter to the Governor of Dover, desiring him to admonish the clerk of the passage and his deputy for their neglect and miscarriages in the execution of that office, and to report this letter to Council. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 76–79.]

March 14. **29.** [Robert Blackborne] to Charles Longland. I was prevented from giving you an account of the late engagement between the Dutch and us, having to attend the Admiralty Commissioners to Portsmouth, upon the fleet coming in there. On Friday, 18th February, a dispute began between Portland and the Isle of Wight, their number being 80, and ours between 60 and 70 sail, which continued very sharp all that day, and until evening, the enemy having the weather gauge all day. The next morning we fell upon them again, and having the wind, gave them chase to the eastward, and took, sunk, and burnt many of their men-of-war. On the Lord's day, being the 20th, our ships began a fresh engagement, and pursued them as far as Blackness, where they made such haste to get away, not being able to hold out any longer, that they left their 200 merchantmen behind, to make the best escape they could; and our ships bearing hard upon Tromp, he bore in with his fleet so near the shore that we considered it very hazardous to do the same, it being dark, and the wind high, and thereupon anchored two leagues off, he being about one from the shore.

We suspected he could not have weathered Blackness, but contrary thereto, he stole away in the night, by putting out his lights, so that in the morning, our fleet could not tell where to find any of them, and thereupon the Generals sailed to Portsmouth.

You will easily imagine that such a continued action was not carried on without great loss on either side, but we did not lose a ship save the Sampson, a small vessel, which being taken by the Dutch, was suddenly rescued, and afterwards sunk by ourselves. The Generals assure us that had they had but two more hours' daylight, they had taken and destroyed the greater part of the Dutch fleet. We have not a particular account of each day's success, yet I can assert there were 17 men-of-war taken, sunk, and fired, and

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five of these are now in our custody, one being 1,300 tons, and the rest from 500 or 600 tons, and we conceive they lost many more, as Tromp had not above 34 sail with him in the evening of the Lord's day, and those were much shattered and torn, and their men wounded. We have also taken 50 of their merchant ships laden with wine, salt, &c., and 1,500 prisoners, who are at Southampton and other places.

In this engagement General Blake received some hurt on his thigh, which was not dangerous, but since the fight, he took cold on shore, which put him to some distress; he is now upon recovery.

I refer you to the enclosed as to what other officers and men were wounded or slain in the fight, and when you have perused it, you are to direct it to Capt. Badiley. Our fleet is now setting forth to sea, and effectual care is taken for visiting our friends in your parts, which I hope will answer your expectations.

P.S.—Your transactions there are well resented. There were seven of our best ships absent from the fight, so that the hand of God was the more seen. [*Corrected draft, 2 pages.*]

March 14. **30, 31.** [Robt. Blackborne] to Capt. Badiley. It is no small trouble to us here to find such affronts offered to our nation, by the people of that country, as have been represented by you and Mr. Longland, and there has been a great trial of your patience; but it is now growing to perfection, the Lord having been pleased of late to open a door of hope for your relief, in that memorable and never to be forgotten appearance of his for us against the Dutch, three days together, 18, 19, and 20 February last. As I find it is misrepresented by the Dutch in France, I give you this version. From morning until evening, the greater part of these three days, 60 ships, commanded by Generals Blake, Deane, and Monk, were deeply engaged with 80 sail of the enemies' men-of-war, and 400 merchantmen, between Portland and the Isle of Wight, in which we took 50 merchantmen, who are brought into Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, Dover, and the West, besides 50 of their men-of-war, sunk by their own confession, and four taken, one of which was 1,300 tons, and is now at Portsmouth, and divers others made unserviceable. For the number of men slain and wounded on our side, and the number of prisoners taken by us, I refer you to the enclosed, and can only add that you had received a more timely account of this great mercy, had not my sudden repair to Portsmouth to attend the Admiralty Commissioners prevented.

All hands and heads are now at work for sending you relief, which I trust will come furnished to your expectations, and a squadron is thought upon for that purpose. Meantime the Commissioners desire you will use all possible circumspection, and rest assured they are as mindful of your condition as if they were upon the place, and your bills of exchange have been complied with.

There has been a debate in Parliament this two days, about setting on foot a treaty with the Dutch.

General Blake has been very ill of a wound received in the fight, but it is in a hopeful way of recovery. We lost Capts. Ball, Mild-

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may, Barker, Chesson, and Tatnell, with Mr. Sparrow, the General's secretary, which has been a great saddening of our spirits.

P.S.—The Portugal Ambassador and French and Swedish agents are still here, but nothing resolved on. [*Corrected drafts, 2 papers.*]

March 14. Leghorn. **32.** Chas. Longland to the Navy Committee. Capt. Badiley, with the ships and frigates, came before Leghorn this morning, to help out those ships that have lain here so long besieged, but the remedy has proved worse than the disease, as of six, only one has escaped to him, and the rest have been taken and burnt. I suppose Capt. Badiley has gone for Messina to meet the Venice ships, who must all lie still unless some succour comes to them. [*Copy, ¼ page.*]

March 15. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Lieutenant of the Tower to come to Council to-morrow afternoon.

3. Henry Boswell, brother to Maj. Boswell, late prisoner in the Tower, to appear before Council to-morrow afternoon.

4. The letter now read to the justices of peace for Oxfordshire, for suppressing Capt. Ayres in his collecting money in that county, approved, signed, and sent.

5. Order—on petition of John Giles, minister of Crowland,—that the house he desires to live in (lately built by Maj. Dodson, Governor of that place), be assigned him, as the house formerly belonging to him was, for the safety of the town whilst a garrison, demolished.

6. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider what ships are necessary for transportation of Viscount Lisle, appointed Ambassador to Sweden, and his retinue, &c., likewise, what convoy is fit to be appointed for him, and acquaint Council with what they think fit.

7. The petition of Joseph Hieron and Henry Potkin, merchants of London, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

8. The paper given in to Council to-day from the Swedish agent, with the papers relating thereto, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, who are to speak with the Admiralty Judges about the ships detained mentioned in that paper, and to let them know from Council that they are to do justice in those cases.

9. The report from the Irish and Scotch Committee concerning the Isle of Man to be considered to-morrow.

10. Sir Henry Mildmay and Mr. Scott to make their report in writing concerning the people of this nation resorting to the houses of Ambassadors and public ministers.

11. To order Capt. Sherwin, or some other commander of the State's ships on the coast of Ireland, to transport thence the wife and family of John Weaver, now in Ireland, with their necessaries.

12. Mr. Birkenhead to attend Council to-morrow, to give them an account of the conspiracies in Denmark against resident Bradshaw's life.

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13. To write to Mr. Pentloe, Mr. Mansel, and Col. Brooks, justices of peace for Northamptonshire, to inquire into the quarrel between Mr. Mordaunt and Mr. Cockayne, and to report. Noted "Send this to Lord Bradshaw, he is to write the letter, by the Council's desire."

14. The petition of the Governor and Company of merchants trading to the East Indies referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

15. That of the merchants trading to Venice to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

16. To give liberty to Lieut.-Col. David Law, now prisoner in Chelsea College, for two months, for the recovery of his health, on security to render himself prisoner at expiration of that time, or sooner if summoned, and meantime to act nothing prejudicial to the State. Noted "Send this to the Lord Bradshaw."

17. The information given to Council concerning Martin Williams referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 80–84.]

March 15. **33.** Order of the Ordnance Committee that Anth. Robbins repair to Gloucester, Bristol, Chester, Worcester, Liverpool, and Beaumaris, and bring all the ordnance, powder, shot, match, carriages, and other munitions of war to the Tower, according to the warrants of Lord General Cromwell to the Governors and Commander-in-Chief of the said garrisons. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 16. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

3. Order on the order of Parliament authorising Council to give licenses for importing the goods unshipped from the Sampson, and other ships taken into the service in the Mediterranean, which goods are to be brought overland to Dunkirk or Ostend, or other adjacent ports—that to prevent fraud in bringing in other goods besides those so landed, the names of the ships be delivered in to Council, and specifications of the goods on oath to the Customs' Commissioners, "as also that the property of the goods is not altered from the people of this commonwealth."

5. To request Council that the appointed Commissioners may have a conference with the Hamburg agent, to ripen into execution what he proposed about some Hamburg ships now in Flanders, laden with pitch, tar, hemp, &c., that would be willing to bring them into England if they might have license. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 10, 11.]

March 16. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. The deputies renew their desires that, before the proviso in the Act of oblivion for excepting persons whose estates are confiscated be resolved on by the Committee, their exceptions against it be heard.

2. The debate concerning the distribution of 30 persons to represent

Scotland in Parliament, to the several shires and places in Scotland, resumed.

3. The deputies ask by what rule Parliament went in establishing the number of 30, as a thing they ought to know before offering their judgment how the number should be distributed.

4. They also beg that the assessments of Scotland may be resolved on in the first place, as necessary to be settled before the number can be distributed, and that the Committee would move Parliament that the assessments be first treated.

5. The Committee will consider the case, and reply to-morrow morning. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 58, 59.]

March 16. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To write Col. Dixwell, the Governor of Dover Castle, and Capt. Foach, that Council are informed that the Dutch prisoners sent from Dover to Canterbury are many of them escaped, and that the rest have not the allowance ordered by Council, and to desire them to examine into the matter and report.

2. Mr. Thurloe to speak with the adventurers for the Fens concerning their taking Dutch prisoners into that work, and to give an account thereof to Council to-morrow.

3, 10. The petitions of Temperance Newcomb, widow; and of Jacob Delefsen, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

4. That of William Fell, gunsmith of London, referred to the Ordnance Committee. Mr. Goodwin to take care of the business, and report.

5. That of Hans Heytman to be sent to the late Commissioners for Dutch Prizes, who are to give an answer in writing to what is there alleged.

6. To send a summons to the gentleman porter of the Tower to attend Council at 3 p.m. next Monday.

7. Sir Henry Mildmay, Maj.-Gen. Harrison, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Gurdon, Mr. Bond, Sir John Trevor, Sir Wm. Masham, Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Scott, and Sir John Bourchier, to be a Committee to consider the miscarriage of the officers of the Tower in the late escape of Major Boswell, or upon any other occasion; and what should be done for reforming of the same in future, and to report. Sir Henry Mildmay to take care of this business, and the Lieutenant of the Tower to perfect the examination he has begun concerning the escape of Maj. Boswell.

8. A summons to be sent to — Wildy, at Yarmouth, to appear before Council on Friday week, to answer matters objected against him. The warrant to be sent to the bailiffs at Yarmouth, who are to take care that notice is given him, and to certify to Council what they do therein.

9. The letter of the 14th inst., from the Generals of the fleet to the Admiralty Commissioners, with the enclosed petitions from the Dutch prisoners, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

11. The instructions formerly passed in Council for the Generals of the fleet to be forthwith sent them.

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12. Order on petition of Captains John Taylor, Anthony Young, and Edmund Chapman, that Dr. Walker certify whether he be ready to proceed to trial with the petitioners, and how the case stands concerning them, that further order may be given.

15. Order that James Lord Ogilvy, prisoner in the Tower, have the liberty of the city and late lines of communication, on security to appear on summons and act nothing prejudicial.

17. The names presented by the Admiralty Commissioners for five new frigates shortly to be launched, approved of, viz., the frigate at Portsmouth to be called the Bristol; that to be built by Capt. Taylor, the Portland; the great frigate at Deptford, the Essex; the lesser frigate there, the Hampshire, and the frigate building by Mr. Pett, the Newcastle. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **34.**]

19. To write to the Generals of the fleet that Council has put a stop to the granting of commissions for private men-of-war, until certified that the fleet is supplied with men; and that it gives the Generals power, for the speedier manning of the fleet, to take men out of the private men-of-war as they shall meet with them and need them; also to signify to the three Generals that the same power is given them as was given Gen. Blake for giving instructions against the enemies of the State; also to approve what they have already done therein.

20. The report of the Commissioners of Council of their treaty with the Portugal Ambassador to be made next Friday.

21. The Irish and Scotch Committee to confer with the Lord General concerning the putting aboard the ships of this commonwealth 4,000 or 5,000 land soldiers, and to consider of the way and manner of putting this business into practice, and to report to-morrow afternoon.

22. The reports from the Irish and Scotch Committee to be heard to-morrow afternoon the first business. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 84–88.]

March 16. **35.** Order by the Commissioners of Parliament for inspecting treasuries, on an order to issue monies for the navy, and on certificate of the Admiralty Committee, 26 Jan. 1653, that Sir John Wollaston, and the rest of the treasurers for monies from sale of estates forfeit for treason, pay to Rich. Hutchinson, navy treasurer, 9,000*l.* to be issued on warrants of the Navy Commissioners. [1 *page.*]

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Portsmouth. **36.** Daniel Whistler to [the Admiralty Commissioners]. On your order to me to take the general care of the sick and wounded on shore in these parts, I inquired into their condition, and finding many healed or slightly wounded, I sent them to their ships, as salt meat will not do more hurt than strong drink. Thirty-two, whose cure will be tedious, I have sent up in four wagons to London, to be disposed of in the hospitals, with surgeons and nurses to take care of them by the way. The sick increase daily in the fleet, and General Deane has ordered them to be quartered in Farnham, this town being full, and there being some malignity in the sick that might endanger the

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garrison. Gen. Blake mends but slowly, which detains me here. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

36. I. *List of* 32 *sick and wounded men sent from Portsmouth to London,* 15 *March* 1653. [1 *page.*]

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1. Order that no more letters of marque be granted to any person whatsoever, until the fleet be fully manned, and put forth to sea.

2. Order that the Admiralty Judges grant a letter for a private man-of-war against Prince Rupert and other enemies to Edw. Nicholls of the Gift of London.

3. The petition of Capt. John Whitworth referred to the Ordnance Committee.

4. Also that of Edward Ansley, store-keeper and provision master in the office of the Armoury in the Tower.

7. That of Francis Townley, Henry Crisp, and John Dogett, merchants, referred to Mr. Thurloe.

8. That of John Muxon, mariner, to the Admiralty Committee.

9. To write to the Customs' Commissioners of the receipt of theirs of this day, and to tell them to proceed according to law against goods imported by any persons contrary to what they have been allowed to do by warrant of Council.

10. Mr. Attorney to attend Council to-morrow afternoon.

11. Lord Chief Justice St. John, Lord Bradshaw, Col. Whitelock, Lord Commissioner Lisle, Mr. Say, Mr. Love, Mr. Attorney, Mr. Goodwin, and Col. Morley, to be a Committee to consider in what manner a person who has committed murder in one of the Cinque Ports, and is now in prison there, may be brought to trial.

12. Also to consider of the want of administration of justice in the Cinque Ports, and to suggest a fit remedy.

13. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Bear and Violet to sail for Newcastle, in order to strengthen the convoy appointed for bringing the fleet of colliers thence, and also to give them such other directions for carrying out the service as they judge fit. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., Nos.* **37, 38.**]

15. The business of the Mint to be considered next Monday.

16. Mr. Birkenhead to put into writing what he has observed in foreign parts, and deliver it to Mr. Thurloe. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 89–92.]

March 17. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. To acquaint the deputies,—on their request for settlement of the assessments of Scotland before due distribution of members—that this Committee may not presume to intermeddle with the assessments without direction from Parliament; and that Parliament has not only considered the assess, but the number of persons in Scotland, and several other things, to induce their resolution of 30 members for Scotland. Also that the assessments cannot be a ground for distributing the members, because they are frequently

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altered in England, both as to quantity and proportions of the several counties, as Parliament sees cause. However, the Committee will represent their desires to Parliament.

2. The deputies being called in and informed thereof, insist that the assess be first asserted, and they heard thereon, before they treat about the distribution of the members.

3. They complain that the assess is so heavy that they cannot subsist under it, and therefore there must be some abatement in the first place, for better satisfying the people of Scotland. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 59, 60.]

March 18. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order on Council's reference of a letter from the Generals of the fleet to the Admiralty Committee, that on the request of the Dutch officers that are prisoners for larger allowance than the common men, the captains and commanders should have 12*d.* a day, and the inferior officers and common men 6*d.*, as formerly.

3. Order on the request of several passengers taken prisoners to be released to return home, and of some wounded captains and prisoners for leave to come up to London for cure, that the Generals should have liberty to dismiss the passengers, and to allow the wounded to come up, on parole to appear at Council to receive their further orders.

4. The part of the letter propounding the appointment of two places on the coast, where the ships of Princes and States in amity could call and take passes, to be considered on Wednesday.

5. Order to report to Council, on the petition of the Eastland merchants, that they must prove in the Admiralty Court their losses sustained by the King of Denmark's detaining and using their ships at Copenhagen, that it may be ready for further order.

7. Mich. Phillips to be offered to Council as fit to be consul at Venice, in behalf of English merchants.

8. Mr. Thurloe to inquire what the formalities of a consulship are, and acquaint Council on Monday. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 12–14.]

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2. Order on petition of the merchants and owners of ships in Great Yarmouth, that they ascertain by proof in the Admiralty Court the damages which they allege they have sustained.

3. Order on petition of Thos. Munck, prisoner at Chester, that he be enlarged on security (which is to be taken by the Mayor of Chester), in 200*l.* for himself, and 100*l.* a piece his sureties, to act nothing prejudicial to the commonwealth.

4. Order to answer on the petition of Anthony Burt of Dunkirk, that Council can give no direction thereon.

6. The Council to sit at 9 a.m to-morrow. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 92, 93.]

March 18. **39.** Order of the [Revenue] Committee, upon debate on the order of Parliament for taking off the excise of the old and new drapery,

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and laying the excise upon other commodities to the like value, that certain imported saltery wares mentioned in a list annexed, now paying 6*d.* in the 1*l.* by the first buyer, shall pay 1*s.*, and that Spanish and all other wools whatsoever, except Scotch and Irish, be charged at the same rate. [*Copy, ½ page.*]

March 19. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Sidney to report to Parliament the case of Mr. Dury, appointed to attend Viscount Lisle to Sweden, which was to have been reported by Commissioner Lisle.

2. The lists of the prisoners, and the report concerning them, to be brought in to Council to-morrow.

2*a.* Note that Vincent's commission for making saltpetre is not to be delivered without order.

3. The paper now read in answer to that of the Commissary of the Queen of Sweden approved, and to be sent him by Sir O. Fleming.

4. The contract made by the Navy Commissioners, for hiring into the service the merchant ships now presented in a list, approved.

5. To declare that Council does not hold it fit that any of the present commanders mentioned in a list sent from the Navy Commissioners, or any others that are owners or part owners in any of the merchant ships hired into the service, be employed in the ships so hired.

6. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider of the persons not thought fit to serve in their own ships, for employment in other ships, if the Commissioners shall be satisfied that they are deserving men, and fit for the present service.

7. The extracts of the Holland letters to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners, and by them to the Generals of the fleet.

8. To write to the seaports of Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, &c., to take care that none of the Dutch prisoners escape home through them.

9. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider how to dispose of the Dutch prisoners, and to report.

11. The information given concerning one Fryer referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider what is fit to be done, and report.

12. The letter written by Council to the adventurers of the Great Level, concerning sowing of hemp in the fens, to be altered from 3*s.* per stone to 28*s.* per cwt., and the same alteration to be in the warrant to the Navy Commissioners.

14. To give power to Rich. Mill to press in Devonshire and Cornwall seamen and others belonging to the fishing craft, provided he take not out of any fishing boat above 1 or 2 men.

15. To require all owners of boats there to give Mill on demand the names of all seamen shipped, hired, or employed by them in fishing the past year, with their abodes.

16. To require all constables and other officers to give Rich. Mill the names of all such seamen, saynemen, and fishermen as are

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inhabitants in their towns or jurisdiction, and to require them to assist him in the promotion of this service, as they will answer the contrary at their peril; and to require the mayors and justices of peace to give notice that no seamen, sayners, nor fishermen shall absent themselves from their habitation to prevent the press, on pain of 6 months' imprisonment.

17. Council having on desire of Viscount Lisle, Ambassador to Sweden, appointed Mr. Dury to attend him,—and the condition of his own private affairs being upon occasion thereof represented to them, think it just, in consideration of his former good service, and in respect of his attendance upon the present service, wherein he is likely to be useful, to examine his case, and having stated the fact, to refer it to the consideration of Parliament by Col. Sidney. [*I.* 40, *pp.* 94–98.]

March 19. Leith.

40. Rich. Saltonstall, Edw. Syler, and Sam. Desborow, Commissioners in Scotland, to the Admiralty Committee. We have published the votes and resolutions of Parliament for encouragement of seamen, and sent copies to the magistrates of the chief ports. If some State's ships were at Leith, it would induce volunteers to join, but there are only Capt. Pestell at the Orkneys, and Capt. Yates at Inverness. With power to press, many seamen might be procured, and sent by Pestell if he were ordered to call at Leith on his way to London for such men as have been procured. [1 *page.*]

March 19. Amsterdam.

41. Sir Edw. Walker [Garter King-at-Arms] to Sir Edw. Nicholas at M. Palmart's, Pape Straet, Hague. I have received the commands of their Royal Highnesses touching the distinction the Duke of Gloucester ought to bear in his arms, as third son of the King; to which I shall say that there are no differences appropriated to their birth; for the third son that may be of His Majesty that now is must not give the same difference his uncle does. Therefore in all times such differences have been devised as have the least diminution in armory. For example, Lionel Duke of Clarence, second son of Edward III., gave a label parted argent and azure, with a flower de luce; John of Gaunt, third son, a label ermine; Edward Duke of York, fifth son, a label with castles and lions; Thomas Duke of Gloucester, sixth son, a bordure argent. The three younger sons of Henry IV., and so the brothers of Edward IV., gave distinctions different from those. Henry VIII., when Duke of York, gave a label ermine. His late Majesty, when Duke of York, gave on a label argent, nine torteaux or red balls, which was the distinction of Richard Earl of Cambridge, second son of Edmund Duke of York, fifth son of Edward III., and was as great a diminution as could almost be devised; whereupon His Majesty, while at Jersey, by my representation, passed a grant to the Duke of York to bear a label ermine, as Henry VIII. did when he was Duke of York, and the same on his supporters. Therefore distinctions, according to the law of arms, ought now to be devised for his Royal Highness,

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not tying himself to what former Dukes of Gloucester have given, who were sometimes the sixth and sometimes the fourth and third sons of Kings.

I say positively that whereas the Prince of England always gives for distinction a label argent, the present Duke of York having a label ermine, the Duke of Gloucester cannot give anything of less diminution than on a label argent, three roses gules. For as the number of three is doubly more honourable than that of nine, so roses, being a badge of England, are more proper than any other addition; and the same to be borne likewise on his supporters; though for my part I do not think it so convenient that the King and all his brothers should have the same supporters with differences only, but that as dragons, greyhounds, bulls, antelopes, harts, &c. have been borne by former Kings and Princes of the royal blood, so the younger sons should have some of them assigned to them; but of this His Majesty ought to be first advised, and to signify his pleasure.

I may safely, according to the rules of armory, and in relation to the honour of his Royal Highness, affirm that the difference I have now devised is the most proper. Represent this to both their Royal Highnesses, and when I return, if commanded, I will draw up some such declaration as I did for the Duke of York, so that it may be signed by His Majesty, as a future authority for the bearing thereof. Tell me how long his Highness stays there, that I may not omit the opportunity of doing my duty to him.

Thanks for your good advice, and may God encourage the inclination of the people to His Majesty. I have not seen her Excellency the Princess Royal of Orange since I received yours, but she is recovering her health, and is as well as I have seen her since her great misfortune. [1¾ *pages.*]

March 21. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Admiralty Commissioners to order four or six ships to sail northward, to strengthen the convoy for the collier fleet from Newcastle; and to send away as ready two or three at a time, and give them instructions. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **42.**]

2. The bond given by Hamblet Ager and Anthony Basset, dated Sept. 22, 1652, in 500*l.* each, for the appearance of Marmaduke Langdale, and now prayed to be delivered up, to be brought in to Council.

3. The petition of John Humes, seaman, wounded in the late fight with the Dutch in the Sampson, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **43.**]

7. The petition of James Gear, merchant of Weymouth, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to report.

8. To write to Gen. Blake that there are 14 or 15 men-of-war on the northern coast, and the ships Bear and Violet, and four or six more, have been sent to convoy colliers from Newcastle; therefore considering this and the state of affairs in Holland represented by the last letters, Council refers it to his consideration what is fit to be done further.

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9. Capt. Brandley, on nomination of the Admiralty Committee, approved as commander of the Essex frigate.

10. Capt. Sherwin of the Newcastle frigate.

11. Capt. Robt. Story of the ship Cardiff at Bristol.

12. Capt. Robt. Blake of the Hampshire frigate.

13. Capt. Rouse of the Portland frigate, and Capt. Edward Thompson of the London.

14. The paper presented by Sir Hardress Waller, and other army officers in Ireland, to be read first thing to-morrow afternoon.

15. The Committee on the business of the Tower to speak with the Lieutenant of the Tower and the porter concerning the escape of Major Boswell. Sir James Harrington added to that Committee. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 1–3.]

March 21.
Leghorn.

Chas. Longland to the Navy Commissioners. I was in hopes to have given some account which way Capt. Badiley had gone with his squadron, but have no news, only a small vessel arrived with herrings was chased off Corsica by three ships rowed with oars, which were probably the frigates. If it were not for the ships at Venice, I should believe he was gone for England, but I now think he is gone about Sardinia for Messina, to meet the Venice ships.

The next day after the fight, the Dutch turned all our men on shore, except the captains, and being destitute of clothes and victuals, I was necessitated to supply them at the State's charge, being 280 sound men, and 90 wounded, whereof a dozen are dead, and I fear as many more may follow. I am sending the sound men to Venice and Messina, to supply the ships there. Geo. Smith writes that a bill for 7,000 dollars from Capt. Badiley has not been accepted, for want of his letter of advice, which it is hoped has since arrived, otherwise it will greatly prejudice him. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page, with the letter of* 14 *March, No.* **32,** *supra.*]

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Plymouth.

44. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Committee. Capts. Buskill and Cobham, with the Hector and Sun, have arrived from Ennisbuffin all laden with 1,000 Irish tories, to be delivered at the State's charge in Flanders. Buskill wants further orders from the Council of State and from the Generals, 2 of his ships being made noisome by the soldiers. Details of ships. The Marmaduke and Sampson will soon be ready to fetch the powder from Pendennis Castle. I shall endeavour a general press all at once in the town, to supply them and the Lily with men. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

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Portsmouth.

45. Navy Commissioners to [the Admiralty Commitee]. All the merchant ships intended for the southward came into the bay on Saturday, and their commanders came on shore, and have conferred with the Generals. We have consulted the Deputy Treasurer about money; we are 5,000*l.* in arrear upon bills and tickets, which must be paid soon, and shall have occasion to use at least 4,000*l.* a week

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until the fleet sails, and the treasurer cannot assure above 1,000*l.* a week in these parts. Clamours will increase unless something is done. We hope the Act for impressing seamen will have good effect. Particulars of the rigging of ships. The Generals approve of Porchester Castle for accommodating the sick and wounded men. We shall speak with the owner to-morrow. [1⅔ *pages.*]

March 21. Portsmouth. **46.** Dan. Whistler to Sir Hen. Vane, jun. The scattered quarters of the sick and wounded makes a difficulty. If some capacious place, with good air, water, and convenience of landing were procured, it would prevent their long exposure before they are received anywhere; their long being in a house before the surgeons know of them; the want of linen and medicines; the difficulty of diet and nursing; the thronging of weak men into poor, stifling houses; and the temptations to drink in victualling houses that have no other but strong drink, here where the water is brackish. The expense of one man scattered would pay for 2 in hospital. I find Council thinks of erecting one. Porchester Castle is good for situation, air, and water, but may cost as much to repair as a new house.

Gen. Blake, I hope, mends, but my hopes are checked by the maxim, "*De senibus non temere sperandum.*" I trust the great physician's protection may be on him, and on all public instruments of our safety. [2 *pages.*]

March 22. **47.** Petition of Richard Malbon, overseer of the Savoy Hospital, to the Council of State, for an order to receive and discharge such wounded seamen as may be sent to the Savoy, the former order only applying to land soldiers; and by a late resolution of Parliament, all the hospitals in England are to take in a moiety of seamen as they become void; also for power to execute his office towards seamen as well as others during the fights at sea. [1 *page.*]

March 22. **48.** Petition of Edward Earl of Worcester to the Council of State for an allowance, having submitted voluntarily, and been eight months without maintenance. [½ *page.*]

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1, 2. Mr. Thurloe to ascertain what has been done hitherto by Council in relation to Ludlow Castle and Maj.-Gen. Browne, prisoner there; whether Browne was committed by Council's order, and what order has been made about Ludlow Castle.

3. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider how the garrisons of Gloucester, Stafford, Ludlow, Redcastle, Redway, Conway, and Carnarvon may be slighted, and report.

4. The liberty of the city and the late lines of communication to be granted to the Earl of Carnwath, prisoner in the Tower, on security to the Lieutenant of the Tower in 1,000*l.*, and two sureties in 500*l.* each, that he render himself prisoner on summons.

5. The like liberty granted to Sir David Cunningham on the same security as formerly.

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6, 9, 17. The petitions of Wm. Sumner; of John Bayes; and of Hugh Morell and others referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

7, 11, 18. Those of Capt. Nathaniel Goodlad; of Ant. Burt of Dunkirk; and of Mat. Goodwin, laid aside.

8. The petition of Walter La Mont, prisoner at York, to be sent to the sheriff of York, to examine him, and if he find the matter as alleged, to discharge him.

10. The Earl of Traquhair to have liberty to go to Scotland according to a late order of Council, whereby Major-Gen. Harrison was desired to speak with the Lord General on the business.

12. The petition of Joshua Fowler, merchant, with the papers therein mentioned, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

14. To write to the Generals of the fleet of the firing of the Fairfax in Chatham water, and to desire them to give order for the strict watching of all ships in docks or ports.

15. To write the Mayor of Newcastle that there is an additional strength ordered to the convoy appointed to bring the ships from thence, and to desire him to acquaint the masters of the collier ships therewith.

16. Captain Stoakes to be commander of the Bristol frigate, and the Generals of the fleet to give him a commission. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **49.**]

19. The report concerning the Isle of Man to be considered to-morrow, after the treaty with Portugal.

20. Note for this and all other orders of this nature to be entered in the day book.

21. The article in the treaty with the Portuguese Ambassador, concerning employing brokers of that country in the bargains and sales by the people of this nation, to be reassumed to-morrow, when the remainder of the treaty shall be considered.

22. The order of Parliament referring it to Council to prepare letters credential for Viscount Lisle to go Ambassador to Sweden, referred to the Committee for foreign affairs.

23. Col. Rhetorfort and Lieut. Crae to be discharged from imprisonment, and to have passes to go beyond the sea.

24. The proposition made by Mr. Scott, concerning the destroying of shipping, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

25. The petition of Major Robert Cobbet referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

27, 28. The letter from Mr. Chute, with the bill of exchange drawn by Capt. Badiley on the Navy Commissioners, and the letter of advice, referred to the Committee for inspecting the treasuries to give order that the bill be accepted and paid. With note for the letter to be sent early to-morrow, with the bill and letter of advice.

29. That part of the report from the Irish and Scotch Committee relating to Major-Gen. Oneale to be recommitted to them.

30. The Lord Bargene [Abergavenny] prisoner at Leith in Scotland, to be released, if committed for no other case than formerly. The same to be signified to the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland.

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31. Lord Mordington to be permitted to go into Scotland, on security not to act anything prejudicial, and to appear on summons.

32. To answer to the petition of Lt.-Col. Joyce, that Council can give no order concerning the business mentioned, as nothing of what is inserted in the petition has yet been presented to them.

33. The petition of — Westmorland to be laid aside, and answer to be returned that Council can give no direction therein.

34. The Committee for reviving references to send for — Hooker, a shoemaker, and examine him concerning the papers he seized of Sir John Cockney, alleged to be of public concern, and to require him to deliver them to the said Committee, that Council may have an account thereof.

35. The papers and information concerning Capt. Wm. Balthazar, prisoner in Ilchester, to be sent to Dr. Walker, advocate, who is to take care that he be proceeded against according to law.

36. The paper by Sir Hardress Waller, and some other officers of Ireland, be considered to-morrow afternoon first thing.

37. The paper from the Commissioners for Dutch Prizes referred to the Committee of Foreign Affairs to consider to-morrow morning, when they and Isaac Dorislaus are to attend the Committee.

38. The order from the Foreign Affairs' Committee about the Bilboa merchants, and from the Irish and Scotch Committee about Mr. White, to be sent in.

39. Order on petition of several merchants trading to Bilboa, for a convoy for their ships, which are now ready, that the Admiralty Committee do appoint such convoys as affairs permit. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **50.**]

40. The Admiralty Committee to send a Judge Advocate to Chatham, to take a strict examination concerning the burning of the Fairfax, that Council may have a perfect account; and to send to all the officers in the docks and yards, as well as on board ships, to be watchful to prevent all inconveniences of this nature, and to consider other means conducible to this end, and give order accordingly. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **51.**]

41. The Attorney-General to pay to Hen. White 209*l.* for maintaining two post barks, as desired by the Commissioners in Ireland, to carry letters from Milford to Ireland, at 11*l.* a month, to March 4, but the payment not to prejudice Mr. Attorney, being consented to, by desire of Council, because White has been long without his money. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 4–11, 14.]

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Bridport.

52. H. Terne and Arth. Odwey to the Navy Commissioners. The Mayor of Weymouth willingly assisted in pressing men, but most part had been swept away, and the remainder absented themselves upon the slightest notice; the Providence having been in the road before we came, the men hid for fear of press, and we picked up but few. We went from thence to Dorset, where Justices Gallop and Butler, who were at the assizes, issued warrants to the constables of the western parts of the county to summon all mariners to appear at Bridport; 40 or 50 men appeared, besides those pressed in the town, whom we sent, as ordered, to Weymouth and Ports-

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mouth. We found few at Lyme, the captain of the Dolphin has been there without getting a man. We will try again to-morrow, to see what the Mayor has done, and proceed to Exeter, taking in all seaport towns and villages, where we hear seamen inhabit. If the mayors and bailiffs of corporations be as strict as the justices of peace, who issued warrants to apprehend all that did not appear, there will be a good account of seamen in this part of the country. [1½ *pages.*]

March 22. Dover. **53.** Thos. White to Sir David Watkins and Wm. Witherings, London. The mail from France reports that there is a dogger boat of six guns and a French sloop of two guns between Calais and Dunkirk, lying in wait for the packet boat. I know not how it can come without convoy. A vessel from Dover left last Friday, and I entreated the captain to stay one day for the packet boat, but he said he was sent to Dover for the merchant vessels, and could not stay either at Dover or Dunkirk for the packet, without order from the Generals or the Council of State. He left on Monday, but must have been chased back or taken. It is impossible for the mails to come without a convoy. [¾ *page.*]

March 22. Plymouth. **54.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Rob. Blackborne. I am glad of the Act for punishing runaway seamen, and hope the Government and the press masters will be better served and encouraged. I hope John Brangwin will be appointed a waiter at Plymouth in the place of Mr. Lyme. A man-of-war of Scilly has brought in a Zealander to Falmouth. [1 *page.*]

March 22. Navy Office. **55.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We want an order to the Commissioners of Inspection to issue a warrant to the Prize Commissioners to allow some of the money arising from the sale of prize goods, for the relief of the relations of seamen slain in the late engagement, according to the Act of Parliament; without this warrant they refuse to pay, though they have cash in hand. The Concord and Hope, victuallers, are in the Hope, waiting orders. We are endeavouring to obtain mariners, but most merchant ships outward bound have protections from press, which, if continued, will be prejudicial. The ship with masts and cordage for Portsmouth has fallen down to Gravesend. We enclose the sad news of the Fairfax. [1 *page.*]

March 22. Chatham. **56.** Capt. Phineas Pett to the [Navy Commissioners]. I send you the examinations of persons concerned in the Fairfax. She is burnt to the water, and we have been compelled to sink her to put out the fire. We shall have her up next tide, and take out what provisions are serviceable. There were 16 men on board when she fired, and only two hurt. The rest I have entered on the Unicorn [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

57. I., II. *Examinations of Sam. Cowdall, gunner, and Nich. Woodman, yeoman of the powder on the Fairfax, relative to its firing, by the explosion of* 30 *or* 40 *lbs. of gunpowder.*—22 *March* 1653. [2 *papers.*]

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March 22. Chester. **57.** John Tilson to the Navy Commissioners. The Mayor and justices issued warrants for the appearance of all the seamen in these parts, but there was a slender appearance, and divers decrepit old men appeared; 16 young men having hid themselves, I only pressed two, who are to appear at Deptford on 1 April. Their press and conduct money amounts to 1*l.* 1*s.* each, it being 106 miles. Chester city will only supply lightermen and colliers, who were never out of the river, and are not worth the conduct-money, but the Mayor has taken a list of them, and engages they shall be forthcoming if you order me to press them. I am going to Liverpool, and will send an account of my actings. [½ *page.*]

March 23. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Strickland to be chairman for a month to come.

2. Order to report to Council that, as things now stand with France, the petition for protection of Capt. Peter de Mere of Dieppe, appointed with the Happiness of Dieppe, five guns, to guard the fishermen that have license to fish on the coast of Sussex against frigates of Dunkirk and Ostend, should be laid aside, and nothing done upon it.

6. Order to report to Council that 400 of the Dutch prisoners at Southampton might be removed to Chichester and kept there; that the request of the drainers of the fens for 400 should be considered, and order given thereon, and that the rest should remain at Southampton till further order. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 14–16.]

March 23. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Bond to be President for the ensuing month.

3. The petition of George Cullen referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider to-morrow and report.

4. That of Matthew Lynde, surgeon of the Rainbow, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

5. That of Thomas Wright and Thomas Wells, gunners, to the Ordnance Committee.

7. That of Thos. Skinner and Company, merchants of Dover, laid aside.

9. Order,—on petition of Thos. Chilstone, for the renewing of a commission granted him for Capt. Abraham Motham, now deceased, that the Admiralty Judges give him a commission to command a private man-of-war instead of the deceased, and proceed to the adjudication of the prize ship lately brought to the Isle of Wight.

11. The Admiralty Committee to order a convoy for the packet-boat now ready to go beyond the seas. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **58.**]

12. Thos. Player to be inserted in the commission for considering the demands of merchants who have sustained loss by the Portuguese, instead of James Wimstanley.

13. A narrative of the goods to be restored to the Venetian Ambassadors to be transcribed, and delivered to the Venetian Secretary.

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14. Mr. Thurloe to take a view of papers belonging to Sir John Cochrane, relating to public business, and acquaint Council therewith.

15. Sir John Cochrane and Mr. Hooker to attend Council to-morrow. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 11–15.]

March 23 ? **59.** Request that the Admiralty Judges will levy 600*l.* on Jas. Pickering and his sureties, Ab. Motham, Thos. Chilstone, &c., and pay it to the Prince of Condé's agent, for the loss of the ship Anne and its goods. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

March 23. Portsmouth. **60.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We send a list of six ships taken up for the southward, who are willing to serve on the same terms as those last contracted for at London, but they want more than two months' imprest in advance to repair their ships, and pay off their men, who will not be satisfied without pay, when they hear of a new voyage to the Straits. As they are stiff, we promised to report their wishes. The others will give no answer till they consult their owners. We are going on with the repair of the whole fleet, but men and powder are much wanting. We have treated with Mr. Barton for Porchester Castle, and he will give answer to-morrow what he will take for his term.

There is some brass ordnance at Jersey, which will be useful for the fleet, and we are in treaty with the Governor for it. We can find no grounds for complaint against the surgeons for not attending the sick and wounded at Gosport. Dr. Whistler is indefatigable in his pains, and they are taken good care of there as well as at Portsmouth and Cowes; but they want clothes; six bundles of linen has arrived. There are some Dutch prisoners, whom Dr. Whistler thinks are sufficiently recovered to be removed to another place. [2 *pages*] *Annexing,*

60. I. *List of six merchant ships hired, with their captains' names.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

March 23. 11 p.m., Gravesend. **61.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have come down as you ordered, and sent to Capt. Lawson to attend me at Chatham respecting the Fairfax. I suspect there may have been a combination between the yeoman and the gunner of the powder room, and the gunner's mate, to steal some rope from the powder room in the night, but I do not think it was treachery. "The hand of God hath principally touched them two, which speaks out something." This may alter your resolution about Dr. Walker's coming down. [1 *page.*]

March 24. **62, 63.** Petition of Thomas Browne, waterman, to the Council of State, for protection from being pressed, he finding a substitute. His father died in 1644, leaving a very considerable estate between petitioner and six more brethren and sisters, of which estate, by the neglect of the overseers,—some of whom, as also the executors and petitioner's other brothers, are dead,—he and his four sisters are likely to be deprived, as it has already been much embezzled,

unless he remains to settle it as administrator. Has been in Parliament service both by sea and land, and was in the late engagements against the Dutch in the Sovereign, and last in the Amity, and has but lately come of age. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, and by them to the Navy Commissioners, 25 March.—Noted that liberty was given for four months, from 30 March 1653. [2 *pages. Also I.* 41, *p.* 15.]

[March 24.] **64.** Petition of Slingsby Bethell, Alex. Baron, Dan. Farrington, and Wm. Johnson, on behalf of the Merchant Adventurers trading to Hamburg, to the Council of State, for appointment of a convoy for their ships with woollen manufactures to Germany, and to bring home returns; also for a warrant to protect 40 seamen of the Damozell from being impressed.

Although petitioners have not dared for the last 12 months to send any ship to Hamburg, on account of the danger in the seas, they could not presume to ask for a convoy while they were witnesses of the public occasions; yet they have during that time bought up such cloth as has come to the market, to the content of the clothier and the burdening of themselves; insomuch that being now full of it, they cannot buy any more except they have a convoy. They do not aim so much at their own advantage, in their desire of venting the manufacture of this land, as the good of their country, having by woeful experience found that all former interruptions of trade have given a great growth to cloth making in Germany, and that the last year's not furnishing the market with cloth has given such great encouragement to the clothing of that country that, except some way be found to supply the market from hence, necessity will force them to such an improvement of their own clothing, that in a very short time they will stand in little need of our cloth.

As it has pleased the Almighty to restrain the enemy in his pride, petitioners are led to some hope that such convoy may be spared as may carry them through the straggling forces of the enemy at sea. [1 *page.*]

March 24. **65.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee to consider whether what they desire may not be accommodated by the convoy which is to go with Lord Lisle. [½ *page. Also I.* 41, *p.* 17.]

March 24. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Admiralty Committee to take care that all bills of exchange coming from Capt. Badiley and Charles Longland be accepted for the time they are drawn, that there be no discredit put upon any. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **66.**]

2. The letter from Mr. Dixwell, Col. Kelsey, and others from Sandwich, with the enclosed paper, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

3. Mr. Attorney and Mr. Say added to that Committee.

5. The appointed Committee to meet with the Sieur de Bordeaux to-morrow at 4 p.m. Fleming to give him notice.

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6. The order of Parliament of this day, referring the letter from the States of Holland and West Friezland to Council to prepare an answer, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

7. Extracts to be made of the intelligence now read, and sent to the Generals of the fleet.

8. The Irish and Scotch Committee and the Ordnance Committee to meet to consider what powder may be spared for Ireland, and to order it to be sent with all speed. Sir Hard. Waller to attend the meeting, and acquaint them with what he has told Council.

10. The last letter from the Resident at Hamburg referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare an answer.

11. The Admiralty Committee to consider what ships and how many should be appointed to transport Ambassador Lisle to Sweden, and report. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **67.**]

12. Col. Morley and Mr. Love to confer with the Committee for inspecting the Treasuries, concerning the payment of such bills of exchange as Ambassador Lisle shall draw on Council for the 3,000*l.* yet due to him for his embassy, which he is to receive in foreign parts.

14. The bond entered into by Major Rheterfort and his sureties to be given up to them, and a pass granted him.

15. Liberty to be given to Lord Lisle to give or receive visits from M. Bonnel, Resident here from the Queen of Sweden, as he thinks fit.

16. The treaty with Portugal to be considered first thing to-morrow afternoon.

17. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare a paper for M. de Bordeaux, demanding restitution of the Swallow and other prizes, brought to Nantes by Prince Rupert. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 15–18.]

March 24. **68.** Robert Hammon to the Admiralty Committee. I hear from Bordeaux that the French fleet, under the Duke de Vendosme, which seized several English ships in the river Charente, has gone to St. Martins, to conduct the Holland merchant ships through the channel, and unless vigilant care is taken, they will give our fleet the slip, and join the Hollanders, who affirm that they have beaten us, that we cannot come to sea again, and that we have sent to them to desire peace. I hope a better account from you. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

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11 p.m.,
Chatham.

69. Major N. Bourne and Capt. Jno. Lawson to the Admiralty Committee. We have viewed the ruins of the Fairfax. We have delayed taking examinations, Dr. Walker not having arrived, but we find no evidence of a design to destroy her, only a thievish contrivement, which occasioned the firing of some loose powder in the powder room by the fall of a candle; there was no watch or proper officer on board at the time to prevent it, and only 14 out of her 30 men. The gunner's mate and yeoman of the powder room are most deeply chargeable. [1 *page.*]

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March 24. 11 p.m., Chatham. **70.** Major Nich. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have viewed the Fairfax with Capt. Lawson, and they are getting out her brass guns, many of which are melted. I will dispose of the beer if not spoilt by the fire. I cannot state at present whether she is worth rebuilding, as she is burnt fore and aft down to the lower futtocks, but will have her docked to-morrow; her sails and anchors are on shore. The Greyhound sails to-morrow to Lee Road, where she will expect her victuals, and the Betty and Wren are fitting out. [1 *page.*]

March 24. Portsmouth. **71.** Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. We have given strict orders for care to prevent the like accident that happened to the Fairfax. We have removed Capt. Peacock to the Triumph, and Capt. Goodson to the Rainbow; if Capt. Jordan is sent down, we will put him into the Vanguard, and if Capt. Jno. Bourne is appointed to the Swiftsure, Capt. Strong might bring out the Unicorn, and Capt. Proud go in the Resolution. We are glad the Swan, John, and Elizabeth are returned with the 150 barrels of powder from Hull, and hope to have a supply for the ships at Portsmouth. All hands are at work to expedite the fleet. The Prosperous being much out of repair, we have sent her in. [1¾ *pages.*]

March 24. Portsmouth. **72.** Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monk to the Navy Victuallers. It does not concern us to give order as to the proportion of fish to be delivered to the fleet, but for the time past the seamen must be satisfied, and have half-fish and half-money once a week for the future, payable by the clerks of the check or stewards of the respective ships. They will be content therewith, for ought we can hear to the contrary. [1 *page.*]

March 25. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To write to request the Lord Mayor of London to send with speed to Council the informations he has received concerning the ships now in the river laden with silver and other goods, as they may be of concern to the service.

2. The petition of John Adams, chirugeon, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

3. The Navy Victuallers to seize all vintners' empty casks for victualling the navy, paying for what they take, according to the rates for which they made agreement with the vintners.

4. The warrants granted to the Navy Victuallers for seizure of clapboard and barrel staves to be now made to And. Bolt, And. Debnam, and John Milton, coopers of London.

5. The petition of Juan de Lassa Barrona and Juan Mexia de Herrera, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

6. Sir John Cockrane and Edward Hooker to attend Council next Tuesday.

7. The Admiralty Committee to take care that the bill of exchange drawn by the Mayor of Dover, February 28, for 500*l.* for the sick and wounded, be speedily paid. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **73.**]

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8. Col. Fielder to present to Parliament the letters and instructions prepared for the despatch of Maj. Lawrence to Constantinople.

9. The paper from M. de Bordeaux referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider, confer with merchants, and report.

10. The petition of Thos. Violet referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, who are to hear what he has to say.

11. The sheriffs of London to send a list of the 60 prisoners desired by them to be sent to the plantations, with a list of their crimes.

12. The petition of James Blaydes, John Pearson, and others, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to examine the facts, consider the state of the tenths of prizes, and report.

13. The petition of Manuel Corea, with others, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to confer with Dr. Walker and others as they think fit, and report.

14. 300 of the Dutch prisoners now at Southampton to be disposed to Salisbury, and 300 to Winchester, and those at Portsmouth to be sent to Chichester, to be kept till further order.

15, 16, 17. To write to the mayors of the towns above mentioned to receive the men apportioned to their towns, and keep them in safety together, and to maintain them according to the allowance granted to Dutch prisoners; and for what they disburse, to draw a bill of exchange upon Rich. Hutchinson, navy treasurer. The Admiralty Committee to take care that the above-named bills be accepted by the Navy Commissioners; and the Navy Commissioners to make out bills to the navy treasurer for their payment. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., Nos.* **74, 75.**]

18. The Admiralty Committee to take care that some fit allowance be made (beside the 6*d.* a day for victuals) towards buying linen, &c. for such of the Dutch prisoners as are sick and wounded, and for paying the commissaries, muster masters, and other incident charges. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **76.**]

19. To write to the Mayor of Southampton, Maj. Murford, and Capt. Mosse, or any others who have charge of the prisoners at Southampton, to send the 600 to Salisbury and Winchester, and to the Navy Commissioners to send those at Portsmouth to Chichester. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 18–23.]

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April 4.
Dutch Vice-admiral, Leghorn Road.

77. Capt. Hen. Appleton [to the Council of State.] I wrote you by Chas. Longland of our great loss here at Leghorn, and to satisfy you of my disobedience to your summons for appearance. That I may not seem voluntarily to have lost my ship, which much troubles me, I send you a copy of my admiral's letter for my going out of the Mould, to which, on $\frac{4}{14}$ March, Mr. Longland and all the commanders on consultation consented.

I am loth to stir in troubled waters, but if Capt. Cox had obeyed Capt. Badiley's order, we should not have suffered so. Capt. Badiley said to me "The State of England had better have given Capt. Cox 20,000*l.* than that he should have disobeyed order," but Cox thought to slight him, as he did me.

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Pray examine the whole company of the Leopard, and all of other ships at their arrival, as to my deportment, both before and in the late engagement, and you will receive the truth in time. I think some captains under my admiral, who were willing to come to my relief but were called off, will testify for me. Pray use means for my enlargement, that I may give you an account of my actions. The Dutch use me very uncivilly, but if I had had my will, I should not have to complain of this, for I should have blown up the ship. [1 *page.*]

March 25. April 4. Dutch Vice-Admiral, Leghorn Road.

78. Capt. Hen. Appleton to ———, M.P. for Hull. The disaster befallen the commonwealth in these southern parts will be rung in your ears long before the receipt of this, but that the truth may appear, I have written it to the Council of State, and fearing lest it should miscarry, I enclose a copy to you, as burgess for the town of Hull, of which I am a member, and desire you will see it delivered. I am loth to burden any man, but I am sure if Capt. Badiley, with his squadron, had come to my relief, we should have gone away victors, notwithstanding the blowing up of the Bonadventure by her own powder, and the firing of the Sampson by the Dutch fire-ship. If I could have had my will, the Leopard would never have been surrendered to the Dutch, although no hope of saving her was left, for I would have blown her up, but was restrained by my own company, in doing which they put my shoulder out of joint. As divers members of Parliament can testify to my readiness and former good service for the State, I beseech you to move for my enlargement, that I may appear to give an account of my actions. [1 *page.*]

ORDERS in the ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

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79. That the Navy Commissioners inquire into the fitness of the persons in the list annexed, and all others attending but not employed, and certify what places those they approve are fit for. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

79. I. *List of* 32 *persons alluded to above.* [1½ *pages.*]

80. That the Navy Commissioners certify whether Wm. Lowes and John Garse should not be continued as carpenters on the Essex and Portland, for which they have recommended Mich. Wiggon and Wm. Masham. With note of order that Lowes and Garse are to be placed by the Admiralty Committee. [⅔ *page.*]

March 25. Bristol.

81. Thos. Hewitt and Jno. Pene to the Navy Commissioners. We have had much difficulty in getting seamen, on account of their disaffection and unwillingness; Hen. Gibbes, the Mayor, has been very ready to assist, and impressed 164, but many ran. We have received to the value of 150*l.* from Thos. Shewell, and will send up accounts and lists by the next. Other magistrates, being self-interested, say we are sent to plunder the city of their men, and some Bristol masters carried away pressed men. [1 *page.*]

March 25. Portsmouth.

82. General Geo. Monk to the Navy Commissioners. Knowing your forwardness to befriend any who have faithfully served the State, I recommend the case of Col. Braynes, who has served

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throughout the wars, but cannot get any security for his English arrears, nor his accounts stated; and if he should die, his friends would lose the benefit of his debenture. He wants payment with others in like case. [1 *page.*]

March 25. Portsmouth.

83. John Holt to Robt. Blackborne. You have no cause to thank me and my wife for liberal entertainment to you and your wife. Understanding that the Navy Commissioners have sent up an estimate for making a hospital at Porchester Castle, I recommend John Stevens, Fellow of New College, Oxford, as a surgeon, his father, Anthony Stevens, of Portsmouth, being surgeon to the navy and garrison here. They have above 100 poor seamen now under their hands. I speak in time, as there will be many suitors for the place. [1 *page.*]

March 25. Portsmouth.

84. Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. We cannot understand how seamen discharged by ticket come to London on slight pretences, as the captains say they are very circumspect in signing tickets, and those men who would leave this town are turned back by the coastguard. The land soldiers cannot be received on board the Straits' ships until the merchant ships to be taken up are agreed upon, and in some forwardness.

We are glad to hear the sea is so clear that the Briar and Pearl are sufficient convoy for the victualling ships to the fleet; if we were persuaded thereof, we would send the prizes and lame ships for London, to lessen expenses, but we fear De Witt would come out, and snap them up by the way, which would reflect on our honour. If sufficient seamen cannot be had, a good proportion of soldiers, if efficient men, may do, but 2,000 should be seamen, which might be if they were paid as land soldiers are, on shore as well as at sea. Those who know nothing of sea might be had at 13*s.* or 14*s.* a month, and the volunteers allowed to each ship doubled, by which there will be seamen to direct the others. We cannot advise as to a convoy for the ships to Bilboa. Let Capt. Jordan be sent down to us, and Capt. Bourne be appointed to the Swiftsure, as also a lieutenant for the Advice. [2⅔ *pages.*]

March 25. Portsmouth.

85. Peter Pett and Capt. Fras. Willoughby, Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We are joyful that such effectual direction is given for a supply of money, and we will take care not to sign any tickets or pass bills but where there is absolute necessity. We will put the Act for impressing seamen into vigorous execution.

The service goes on well, vast though it is. After advising with the Generals, we have ordered the erection of forecastles, for security of both ships and men in defensive fight. Several ships are ready to sail for the southward upon the first fair wind, and much beer has been saved in re-victualling, less having been consumed in proportion to other victuals.

We have treated with Mr. Barton for Porchester Castle, as a hospital for the sick and wounded; he has a lease from Sir Wm. Udall for three lives, expended much money upon it to make a part

tenantable, and let it for 19*l.* a year to Mr. Braxton, who resides there, has 11 years to run, and asks 400*l.* Sir Wm. Udall's heir, who has the fee simple, is 12 years old, and lives at Wickham, and his guardians are Sir Edw. Banister of Drury Lane, Mr. Rowles, counsellor, Peterfield, Stephen Maine, Titchfield, and Capt. Collins of Conington.

The Navy Commissioners desire Mr. Smith's return, but if they could see the multiplicity of naval affairs to be carried on here, leaving us scarce a minute's time from one week to another, they would change their mind. Some of us would be glad to be dismissed from hence, considering our other weighty business, if we could. [2¼ *pages.*]

Orders in the Admiralty Committee.

March 26. **86.** On reference by the Council of State of 25 March, enclosed, that the Navy Commissioners accept and pay bills drawn on Rich. Hutchinson, Navy treasurer, by the Mayors of Salisbury, Winchester, and Chichester, for disbursements for Dutch prisoners. [1 *page.*]

87. That the said Commissioners correspond with Mr. Belchamber on the order of the Council of State of 25 March enclosed, for further allowances to Dutch prisoners. [2 *papers.*]

88. That they accept and pay to Wm. Player, of London, 500*l.* named in a bill of exchange, for disbursements by the Mayor of Dover for sick and wounded men. [⅔ *page.*]

March 26. Portsmouth. **89.** Navy Commissioners at Portsmouth to the Navy Commissioners at London. Thanks for your intelligence respecting the Dutch agent; we hope the little cloud will increase, cover the heavens, and bring the blessing of peace. We were treating with merchants for the Straits, yet now know not what to do, having no certainty as to the Duke's dealings with Capt. Badiley; but we have decided to go on, as we have no orders to stay our proceedings. 80 shipswrights are come down, but are waiting for tools. As to Mr. Smith's return, there is as great a need of a quorum here as in London, but we will obey the Admiralty Commissioners' orders.

We are hastening out the fleet; we enclose a demand for flags, and desire some copies of the printed instructions for clerks of the check and stewards, as also 6 cwt. of twine. The Andrew and three others have sailed. We will send a list of surgeons wanted. [1⅓ *pages.*]

March 26. Portsmouth. **90.** Col. Nath. Whetham, Governor of Portsmouth, to the Admiralty Committee. My own sense of the sad effects that may come from "the filthy nastiness of this place," and the entreaty of others, leads me to remind you of it. Nothing has yet been done, nor is likely to be done, in cleansing the town, paving the streets, and making sinks and passages for the water and filth to pass through. The small-pox begins to increase, and two or three have died suddenly this week. I hold it my duty to lay it before you. [¾ *page.*]

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1. To write to the Generals of the fleet the information received concerning De Witt's being gone to Northumberland, designing probably to meet the colliers bound from Newcastle, and desire them to send Vice-Admiral Penn, with all the ships ready to the Swinn, where the rear-admiral now is, in order to watch the motion of the Dutch, and to give him instructions.

2. To write to the Mayor of Newcastle of the movements of De Witt, and desire him to aid the Commander-in-Chief in carrying out his orders.

3. To write to Capt. Motham of the Bear, or in his absence to the captain of the squadron, to inform him of De Witt's going northward with 40 ships, that he may not venture his convoy unless the coast is clear of any greater force than his; and he is to send out nimble boats to gain intelligence, and give Council an account of his intentions as to motion. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 23, 24.]

March 28. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

2, 5. The petitions of Lewis Parent, and Rich. Malbon, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **91.**]

3. The auditors of imprest to take account of Wm. Pym of money disbursed by him for the relief of English mariners, prisoners in foreign parts, and certify the same to Council.

4. The report from the Admiralty Committee concerning Peter Bigleston, merchant, touching the corn taken from him by some of Gen. Blake's fleet at Lisbon, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to examine how the money may be put to the State's account, and how discounted with those who had the corn. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **92.**]

6. The appointed Committee to meet the Portuguese Ambassador at a fit time, to deliver him the articles agreed to by Council.

7. The letter from the Hamburg agent dated the 22nd inst., with the papers annexed, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

8. The petition of Amy Ingram and Mary Lawrence referred to Lord Chief Justice Rolle, to consider and certify.

9. Mr. Bond to present to Parliament the letters to the States of Holland and West Friesland in answer to theirs, and that to the States General. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 24–26.]

March 28. Westminster. **93.** Paul Haget to John Thurloe, secretary to the Council of State. I have made a proposition to Lord Bradshaw, who referred me to you, to furnish the State with a considerable quantity of pitch, tar, cables, cordage, sail cloth, and great shot, from Turkey, and hope to lade a ship or two for the present, and to provide a good quantity for another conveyance.

This proposition admits of some objections, which I have endeavoured to answer; I hope it will not be inquired whether there be all these commodities there or not, for where so frequent and great fleets are so suddenly rigged and set forth as they are there, it must be allowed there are plenty of such commodities. The main objec-

tion then will be how these goods, being contraband, can be brought away, and by whom. For the manner how, the difficulty arises only upon commodities to be procured from shut ports, viz., Constantinople, &c., which have castles to hinder the going out, and in such places an extraordinary price, and a private gratuity to the officers of State concerned, may easily procure a connivance.

Next for the person; by whom? Experience encourages me to present myself. I have lived in Turkey four years, and am acquainted with most of the officers of State in that port, and their inferior officers; and besides, I have acted in this very business twice for the service of the Venetian fleet riding at the Dardanelles, when I furnished them with pitch, tar, ropes, cables, pork, beef, and biscuit. The pitch, tar, and biscuit I bought of the Captain Bashaw, who is general of the Turkish fleet, and whose chief profit is to sell the overplus of his magazines. The cables and cordage I bought of the chief customer, who only makes them at Constantinople, and whose sole power clears all ships away. If they dare connive to help the Venetian for his money, there is no doubt to be made for effecting of it for England. The next objection may be the length and tediousness of the voyage, but I hope it may be accomplished in four months.

I cannot tell what sum is required for this design, but it may be easily computed, and in such a case it is better to carry too much than too little; it must be in pieces of eight. As to the present danger of enemies, I doubt not but the State will send a ship of strength to justify itself against any common accident. It should be one of 30 or 40 guns, well manned and complete, and a little frigate of 12 or 14 guns, to be rowed with 20 or 24 oars, to be at my disposal. I should be captain of the larger ship, the State choosing the master and other officers.

The last objection is that any of the Turkey Company knowing the design may, out of jealousy that their credit may be made use of, or that it may prejudice their trade, or through their ill-will against the present Government, and especially for the present quarrel, give advice of it thither beforehand, and so nothing may be done.

P.S.—There is one service more, and that is the redeeming of such English mariners as shall be met with in the voyage. [2 *pages.*]

ORDERS in the ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

March 28. **94.** That the Navy Commissioners take care that the main body of the fleet intended for this summer's expedition be supplied with sufficient victuals, to be put on board, or go in victualling ships along with them, to last till October, and that they give orders accordingly, and consider what proportions may be taken in at Harwich, Yarmouth, and Hull. [1 *page.*]

95. That they confer with the Navy Victuallers on the letter from the Generals of the fleet, and certify what should be done thereon. [½ *page.*]

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96. Randolph Toffe, Mayor of Chichester, to Rich. Hutchinson. I desire, by virtue of an order of the Council of State directed to me concerning Dutch prisoners, that you will pay 100*l.* to Mr. Partridge upon my bill, for so much disbursed here for the use of the State. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

96. I. *Council of State to the Mayor of Chichester. There being several Dutch prisoners at Portsmouth, taken in the late engagement, who, in regard of the fleet of the commonwealth lying there, &c., cannot conveniently be kept there, we have appointed that they be carried to Chichester, and desire you to receive and dispose of them, so that they may be kept together, and not suffered to straggle or escape, and 6d. a day is to be allowed for each man's subsistence; for payment of your disbursements, you may draw bills upon Rich. Hutchinson, Navy treasurer.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 29. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Alexander Leslie referred to the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations.

2. That of the widows and orphans of slain and wounded seamen referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

3. Order on petition of Augustine Thacker, that Mr. Thurloe examine him, and if his statements be true, release him from going into the State's service.

5. The petition of Richard Bunckley, merchant, for leave to import 100 pieces of Canary wine from France, it having been carried there by a pirate, and redeemed by him, to be laid aside, Council having no power to give direction.

6. The Admiralty Committee to take care that the Fairfax frigate, burnt down to the lower deck in Chatham water, be new built as soon as possibly may be, according to the certificate from the Navy Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., Nos.* **97, 98.**]

7. To write to the Generals of the fleet enclosing the examinations concerning the burning of the Fairfax, and desire them to send a commission to Rear-Admiral Lawson to try the offenders by martial law.

9. The Admiralty Committee to send for such of those whose names are given in as masters of merchant ships taken for the service as they think fit, confer with them concerning the undertaking of the service, receive their positive answer, and report. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **99.**]

10. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to examine Thos. Wildy concerning opposing a warrant of Council, and speaking contemptuously of its authority.

11. Mr. Scott to present to Parliament the letter from Charles Longland from Leghorn of the 14th instant, with the narrative of the late fight with the Dutch before that port.

12. Note to see what letters were written last summer to Newcastle or those parts, to stop the coal ships.

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13. To write to Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, to order him who keeps the stores at Newcastle to deliver the necessary ammunition to the Sparrow frigate.

14. To write to the Mayor of Newcastle to take care that the Sparrow frigate, now fitting out, be furnished with ammunition and other stores, and to draw a bill of exchange upon the Navy treasurer for what he shall disburse.

15. The petition of — Corleif referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

16. The order forbidding Mr. Witherings to pay some money in his hands to Mr. Jessop and Mr. Moore, out of the profits of the foreign Post Office, to be considered to-morrow.

17. The appointed Committee to meet M. de Bordeaux to-morrow at 4 p.m. in Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

18. Mr. Scott to present to Parliament the credentials drawn up for Viscount Lisle.

19. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider some fit person to carry letters from Parliament to the States General, to Holland, and West Friesland. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 27–30.]

March 29. **100.** Order by the Commissioners for inspecting treasuries,—on a Parliament order of 17 March for payment of 15,000*l.* for salaries of the counsel for the commonwealth, &c.,—that 4,000*l.* thereof be issued by the treasurers for delinquents' lands, on warrant of the trustees for their sale, for salaries of the counsel, surveyors, clerks, messengers, and other officers of the said trustees and treasurers, and other emergencies for carrying on that service. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 29.
Ipswich.

101. Rich. Popplet and Nich. Philips to the Council of State. We have endeavoured on your orders to impress all the men we could find in the town, but as they are mostly at London or Newcastle, we could only send six to Deptford. We enclose a list of their names, and of those who are inhabitants here. We will still use our utmost endeavours to promote the service. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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Excise Office.

102. Maurice Thomson and three others to the Committee for regulating the Excise. Hansard Knowles, examiner at the customs and excise, at a salary of 120*l.*, having resigned for more beneficial employment, we have elected Edw. Hatch, who has suffered much for Parliament, to succeed him. As we find that the employment can be performed for less, and that there are several able officers employed under us who deserve encouragement, we think that (the office being now settled, and the greatest trouble thereof past) 80*l.* only will suffice, and the remainder of the old salary may be divided thus: 10*l.* to Wm. Kentish, assistant examiner; 20*l.* to John Champante, clerk of the bonds; and 10*l.* to John Collins, examiner of the country accounts, who all merit the same. Noted as agreed to. [1 *page.*]

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March 29. Barnstaple. **103.** Thos. Hewitt and Jno. Pene to the Navy Commissioners. We arrived here last night, and delivered the Council of State's order to the Mayor, who made large promises to answer your expectations in procuring of as many seamen as he can. We shall walk the rounds with him to-night, and take what can be found. We hope the Mayor of Bristol has sent the list of the Bristol men. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

March 29. Leith. **104.** Rich. Saltonstall, Commissioner in Scotland, to Sir Hen. Vane, jun., Whitehall. The Satisfaction, commanded by Capt. Pestell, has come in from Orkney, by order of Gen. Deane, who wishes the Council of State to know it. We have published the resolves of Parliament for encouragement of seamen, and although the bailiffs and magistrates of the several port towns allege they have no seamen, we are assured to the contrary, which argues disaffection to the service. My brother Desborow left for London yesterday. [1 *page.*]

March 29. Edinburgh. **105.** Andrew Sandelands to John Milton, Esquire. If loss of time and money could dishearten me in the service, I had before this returned to my wife and children. That great politician, the Marquis of Argyle, has sold his cannon to the commonwealth, knowing very well how to supply his castle again, having 44 brass pieces buried within sea mark on the Kintyre coast, and recoverable in 48 hours. Tell me what I may expect, for I have not credit to subsist one week longer here. [1 *page.*]

March 30. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

6. A copy of Capt. Hosier's letter and information against Major Wildey to be given to Wildey, with order to answer in writing to the Committee on Friday, and to attend then.

9. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to attend Dr. Walker, and give him their evidence on the Samson, Salvador, and George, to use as appertaining to his place.

10. The business of the French merchants to be considered on Friday.

11. Mr. Violet to put in writing his information about Mr. Budd, proctor in the Admiralty Court, and Budd to attend the Committee and give in his answer. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 20, 21.]

March 30. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Capt. Edward Christian, of the Isle of Man, referred to Capt. Francis Duckenfield, Commander-in-Chief there, to examine, and if true, to deliver up the goods claimed by the petitioner.

2. The representation from the Admiralty Judges in the case of Thos. Grant, referred to the Committee for considering the damages done to merchants by the King of Portugal and his subjects.

3. The petition of John Axon referred to the Admiralty Committee.

5. Note for Lord Commissioner Lisle to see the copies of the letters to the States General and States of Holland.

7. Liberty to be granted to the Countess Dowager of Carlisle to

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send to Holland to her brother, Henry Percy, her letter to him, what has been produced at Council this day.

8. Col. Fielder, Sir Peter Wentworth, Ald. Allein, Sir John Bourchier, and Sir John Trevor, to be a Committee to go to the Lord Mayor, to confer with him concerning the number of guns in the magazines of the city, and to tell him that for present necessity Council desires them to be delivered to the Ordnance officers, to be disposed to the public service.

9. Mr. Scott to present to Parliament the desire from the Spanish Ambassador to transport 40 horses into Flanders.

10. The business concerning Bordeaux, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to be considered next Friday. Mr. Scott to attend to communicate the letters now read by him.

11, 12. The paper now read to be given to M. de Bordeaux by the appointed Commissioners, who are to meet him to-morrow at 9 a.m. at the usual place in Whitehall, Fleming to give him notice.

13, 14. Order on a paper from M. Barrière, that the appointed Committee meet him to-morrow at 4 p.m. to receive the particulars he has to offer, and that his business be reported to Council next Friday.

15. The Irish and Scotch Committee to report what has been done concerning sending Major-Gen. Lambert into Scotland.

16. To declare to the person from whom a ketch shall be taken to carry Tobie Bonnel into Holland, that satisfaction shall be made for the said vessel, if forcibly taken in this voyage. This direction to be sent to the Admiralty Committee.

17. That Committee to provide a fit vessel to carry the messenger to Holland, with letters to the States General and States of Holland. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **106.**]

18. Order, on request of the commanders and owners of merchant ships taken up in the service, that the ships be valued by the Navy Commissioners before going forth, in order that satisfaction may be made according to contract, in case they be honourably lost in the service, and that the valuations be reported to Council. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **107.**]

19. Note that a copy of this order and all the references be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners, by Mr. Jennings.

20. The petition of Richard Hill and Thomas Hollis, merchants of London, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to give them protection if they see cause.

21. Order, on petition of Rowland Pitt, fishmonger, and Peter Prince, cheesemonger, of London, that they prove their losses in the Admiralty Court, and Council will make good what is just. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 31–36.]

March 30. ORDERS IN THE ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

108. The Navy Commissioners to certify forthwith the names and characters of such of their officers as are not persons fearing God, faithful to the State, and able for their places, and propose others in their room. Also that they consider what officers, clerks, &c. are needed

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for navy affairs, and of salaries fit to be allowed them, so that they may not take any reward or gratuity from any person whatsoever that shall have business with them. [1 *page.*]

109. That they hire six nimble ketches without guns, for gaining intelligence, special regard being had to the goodness of their sailing, and the State to appoint their masters. [⅔ *page.*]

110. That they take up a ketch to be ready to sail on Friday, and send the master forthwith to Whitehall. [½ *page.*]

111. That in the survey and valuation of the merchants' ships going forth, ordered by the Council of State 30 March, notice be taken of such as are most serviceable for the State's own use, in case they think fit to buy them. [½ *page.*]

112. That on information by Mr. Pett, master shipwright's assistant at Deptford that the two frigates there are struck for rigging, the Navy Commissioners inquire of Mr. Scott whether it will be better to launch them on Monday, or rig them in the dock, and give orders accordingly. [½ *page.*]

March 30. The George, Lee Road.

113. Capt. Jno. Lawson to Rob. Blackborne. Your news of the 29th (the loss of the ships in the Straits) is bad, because honest men have suffered, and the cause of God will be reflected upon; but if our mercies were not mixed with some bitter pills, we should be either lifted up or undervalue them. The enemy has gained no great victory, considering the great inequality between the ships engaged.

I hear that some of the hired merchant ships in the river grant the men they press such liberty that they run away, which makes those that are more careful to be cruel; 40 or 50 men pressed into the Four Sisters are almost all gone. I confess I have given liberty to some of those that were with me in the Fairfax to help to bring up the ships of those from whom we impressed, but I have no fear of their returning, either from affection or the six months' pay due to them. Those who pressed the watermen sent very children that had never been at sea, and 14*s.* a month is too much for them. [1 *page.*]

March 30. Portsmouth.

114. Navy Commissioners at Portsmouth to the [Admiralty Committee.] We observe your order as to not signing any more tickets, and have advised with the Generals to prevent captains doing so, though the captains say the men will not desert, their clothes being on board. With the Generals' advice, we have contracted for 12 merchant ships for the southward, and enclose a list of them, but they want their imprest money forthwith, and payment of arrears, or they cannot be soon ready.

We are going on with the victualling of the whole fleet. Much beer was staved in the late engagement, for want of room in the hold to stop leaks, and to make conveniences to dress wounded men. We think more should be put into the victualling ships, and less into the fleet.

The victuallers cannot arrive at a proportion of victuals for the whole fleet here, and are glad to hear some are to be despatched

nearer London. The Resolution is ready to sail, but wants powder and men.

We have made some allowance to the surgeons attending the sick and wounded, with the advice of Dr. Whistler. Is any course settled for allowance to dismembered and wounded men, or may we, as importuned, order them something from the chest here? [2 *pages.*]

March 30. Portsmouth. **115.** Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Committee. Many Hamburghers are daily brought in, and discharged on giving security not to sail to any port in hostility with the commonwealth. We wish some course could be taken to ease those who are friends of this trouble. We want an answer to the petition of the officers of the fleet, and of the widows of the slain, as we are much importuned by them for some sort of subsistence, and can hardly put them off by telling them it is under consideration. Some establishment of this kind would be very satisfactory to all employed in this service. [1 *page.*]

March 30. Ely. **116.** Anth. Tutchen and Ambrose Dinnison, to Major Robt. Thomson. Here and at Wells we have pressed and given conduct-money to 43 seamen, and drawn a bill upon you for 24*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* We have furnished the next justice of the peace, Martin Haystins, with a list of 80 refractory men, and he will send you an account. We are taking horse for Cromer, and so along the coast for Yarmouth. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

March 31. **117, 118.** Petition of Edward Earl of Worcester to the Council of State, for release, on bail for his good behaviour and submission to the present Government. Thanks them for their charitable intentions for his subsistence, yet finds the presentation of his condition obstructed by multiplicity of affairs, and is out of hope to be relieved. [2 *copies,* $\frac{3}{4}$ *page each.*]

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1. The petition of Jonas Lytehasell, with other masters of merchant ships bound for Dunkirk, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to consider how a convoy may be ordered for them. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **119.**]

2. To write to the Generals of the fleet that Council has not lately had any account of the state of the fleet, and to desire them to write more frequently, and to send by return an account of what ships are now out, to what stations they are appointed, how many more are to go to sea, and when they will be ready. Also to make extracts [for them] of the intelligence this day read.

3. The account from the Resident at Hamburg of his transactions with the King of Denmark, concerning delivering the merchant ships detained there, to be considered next Monday.

4. To write to the said Resident to notice the receipt of his letter, and tell him that his business is under consideration, and he shall receive an account of what shall be done therein.

5. The petition of Daniel Andrews referred to the Admiralty Committee.

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6. Mr. Gurdon to present to Parliament the case of Thomas Coke, prisoner in the Tower.

7. The petition of John Field, printer to Parliament, and the orders of Parliament and of the Committee of Parliament concerning him and his debt, referred to the Treasury Commissioners.

8. Dr. Walker to print his arguments against the plea of the advocate from Flanders, and the arguments of the civilians of Louvaine (?), made upon a sentence lately given in the Court of Admiralty against the plate ships.

9. The report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, concerning the business of the Isle of Man, to be considered next Thursday.

10. The petition of Charles Lloyd referred to Lord Bradshaw and Mr. Attorney, to consider the Act of Parliament concerning banishing priests and Jesuits, and report.

11. Order on the petition of John Earl of Rothes, prisoner in the Tower, that he be set at liberty upon bail, on his bond in 10,000*l.*, and two sureties in 5,000*l.* each, not to go above 10 miles from London, and surrender himself within two days after notice. The Lieutenant of the Tower to take the bond.

13. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to state the case of John Durie, which is to be reported to Parliament to-morrow.

14. Sir John Bourchier to present to Parliament a list of the prisoners of war in the Tower, Chelsea College, York, or elsewhere, and move Parliament to consider how they may be disposed of in future, to trial, banishment, liberty on bail, or close imprisonment, as also to make an allowance to such as shall be kept in restraint, and have not the means to maintain themselves.

15. Wm. Ryley to send a copy of the record in the time of King John, concerning making prizes of the ships that refuse to strike sail to the English ships of war in the Channel. [*See p.* 259, *infra.*]

16. The commander of the guard for this night to keep in custody such seamen as have been committed for running away from their ships till to-morrow afternoon, when Council will consider the matter.

17. Order on petition of Benedict Moore and William Jessop, that the order of Council of July 10th, 1650, forbidding Mr. Witherings to pay any money to petitioners for the use of the Earl of Warwick, or Lord Rich, or to Col. Charles Fleetwood, be discharged, and the petitioners and the persons named be left to take their legal remedy. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **120.**]

18. The letter, bill of exchange, and account from Alex. Bence from Alicant, for money spent in the recovery of guns cast away with the revolted ships near Carthagena, recommended to the Admiralty Committee to satisfy it.

19. The petition of M. Augier, on behalf of the English interested in the debt of M. de Cezi, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

22, 23. Order on consideration of the great increase of labour in the Admiralty Court in the present state of things, that 100*l.* a year be added to Dr. Walker's salary of 100*l.*; that Dr. Wm. Clerke be

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the other next advocate, and that he have 200*l.* a year; and order for Dr. Clerke's appointment accordingly.

24. Order that Council can give no direction on the petition of Thos. Walker, stationer.

25. The letter from Richard Pupplet and Nicholas Phillips, of the 29th inst., from Ipswich, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **121.**]

26. A good iron chest to be provided for Mr. Frost to keep the exigent moneys of Council in, and a man allowed at Council's charge to lodge in the room where it is kept, and the captain of the guard to keep a sentinel at or near the room. Mr. Thurloe to consider of a fit allowance for the said person, and report.

27. Mr. Thurloe to ascertain what loss was sustained by Mr. Frost and his brothers, when his chamber at Whitehall was broken open by thieves some few nights since, and report.

28. Order that the Commissioners for inspecting the treasuries consider and report how the 200*l.* a year appointed by Parliament to Wm. Ryley, as salary for his employment in the Record Office in the Tower, is to be paid from 29th March, it having been paid hitherto from the exigent moneys of Council. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 35–44.]

March 31. **122.** Order in the Admiralty Committee, on information that due care is not taken in rigging and fitting the Unicorn, that the Navy Commissioners order the master attendant at Chatham to rig and fit her, and that they take an account of the neglect. [1 *page.*]

March 31. Whitehall. **123.** Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, Tower Hill. On our arrival at Whitehall, we found news from Portsmouth, that by Council's orders, Vice-Admiral Penn is sailing into the Swinn; many of the fleet had but little victuals on board, so it will be necessary for victuals to meet them in the Swinn; also 20 pilots should be at the North Foreland to carry them into the Swinn. The necessary orders must be given to the victuallers; the Briar, intended to convoy the victualling ships to Portsmouth, might be used for this service. [1 *page.*]

March 31. Newcastle. **124.** Major Jer. Tolhurst to the Admiralty Committee. I send an account of the charge of bringing 250 barrels of powder from Carlisle, and shipping it on the Magdalen. I have given a bill to Robt. Bowes for the amount.

There are 400 sail in this river, and 60 at Sunderland, in which are 5,000 seamen; but the five or six ships as convoy are too weak to secure them, and it much concerns the enemy to aim at them.

Wm. Taylor, who knows the seamen here well, would be fit to press men in these parts. He says several have left without discharge. When the coal fleet came to Harwich and into the Thames, about Lee, they sent most of their men to Ipswich and other places, to secure them from pressing, and were to take them in again as they passed northwards. Press-masters on the coast of Essex might prevent this.

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The Weymouth has taken a freebooter of five guns with 40 men, whom I have shipped to you in the colliers, having no means of keeping them in prison. I beg a protection from impress for the 14 men of the Ann of Newcastle. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

124. I. *Account for bringing powder from Carlisle, and shipping it; total,* 46*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* [1 *page.*]

March 31. The Bear, Tynemouth Bar. **125.** Capt. Peter Motham to the Admiralty Committee. Being informed by the Council of State of the probability of De Witt's being upon this coast with 40 men-of-war, I am using all diligence to discover him, and sending out scouts. The Mayor of Newcastle, who is very willing, has sent to all the ports to give us notice when they arrive, and their number. Sixty vessels have arrived for this place and Sunderland, and there are 250 or 300 ready to sail with the first wind. I will see them safe to their ports, unless I hear of De Witt's being on the coast. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 31. The Drake, Dover Road. **126.** Capt. Robt. Clarke to the Admiralty Committee. I have been with the Briar to Bordeaux, and brought over the vessel with the pitch and tar, and other vessels for London. I have been cruising since between Calais, Dover, and Flanders, and there are no enemies except some small men-of-war about Dunkirk and Ostend, which I hope to take ere long. I met a Hamburg hoy, and searched her; but finding her really a Hamburgher, I let her go. I have since brought from Mardike 5 vessels laden with silks, &c. for Dover. The merchants at Dover and Flanders desire the Drake appointed for their convoy, she being a swift sailer and of small draught of water, and she would bring much customs to England. The Hare pink is with me. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 31. Victualling Office, Tower Hill. **127.** Navy Victuallers to the Admiralty Committee. The Council of State warrant for seizing clapboard pipestaves sticks through the President's non-signing, which has been very prejudicial to the service. Pray get us this necessary warrant, for we much fear, do what we can, we shall not have sufficient to answer the great occasions of the navy. We want a list of the fleet, and how they are to be disposed of, so that we may consult for supply of the ships to be victualled to 1 October. [1 *page.*]

March 31. Portsmouth. **128.** Navy Commissioners at Portsmouth to the [Admiralty Committee.] We sent a list yesterday of the merchant ships taken up for the southward, which are ready to victual. There are 18 ships here; details of their condition, victualling, ordnance, &c. Unless some course be taken, the ships will be ready long before the provisions. We will send the Dutch prisoners to Chichester to-morrow. We have also sent lists of allowances made by us to widows and the wounded, and will continue to do so, to prevent a double allowance by certificates from the Trinity House. [1$\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

March 31. 10 p.m. Portsmouth. **129.** Navy Commissioners at Portsmouth to the Navy Commissioners, London. We are sorry to hear of a succession of bad news, one after the other, as the burning of the Fairfax and the rebuke received

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in the Straits by the precipitation of Capt. Appleton, but we must not be dejected by God's dealings. The fleet to the southward, although backward by being shattered in the late engagement, will soon be ready. We have completed the contracts with the merchant ships; we have told the Admiralty Commissioners that we cannot victual here to Oct. 1. We are in great want of ironwork and other stores.

We hope you will punish seamen coming up without cause, as great care is taken to prevent runaways; 25 shipwrights are still behind, which is not a little loss, as many forecastles are wanted; the absenters should be looked after. Mr. Willoughby is ill of a fever. [1⅓ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

129. I. *Account of what victuals* 32 *ships named now at Portsmouth can stow; of what is ready there and at Plymouth, and of what will be wanting for their speedy supply. Also list of* 34 *ships there re-victualled since* 1 *March* 1653. [1 *sheet.*]

March. **130–166.** Certificates by the Commissioners of the Militia and monthly assessments of co. Stafford, of the sums due to the following yeomen troopers for service, and assignments by them of the sums respectively due to them to Thos. Wagstaffe, of Knightcott, co. Warwick:—

Date of Certificate.	Name.	Residence.	Sum.	Date of Assignment.
1652.			£ s. d.	
1 Nov.	Wm. Brasier	Buckston, Derby	72 10 0	5 Feb. 1653.
8 Nov.	Thos. Leeg	Streeton ,,	72 10 0	1 Dec. 1652.
10 Nov.	Thos. Atkins	Cotton, Stafford	29 8 0	26 Nov. ,,
,,	John Barker	Draycot ,,	72 10 6	1 Dec. ,,
,,	Ralph Browne	Burston ,,	19 0 6	26 Nov. ,,
,,	Thos. Clarke	Stone ,,	59 4 0	,, ,,
,,	Rich. Collier	Gayton ,,	49 6 0	,, ,,
,,	Fras. Fox	Stafford ,,	29 5 4	,, ,,
,,	Roger Greene	Chedleton ,,	72 10 6	10 Dec. ,,
,,	Thos. Harryman	Shutborough	22 11 0	26 Nov. ,,
,,	Rob. Lees	Cheadle ,,	40 4 0	,, ,,
,,	Rich. Linesse	Dilhorn ,,	72 10 0	5 March 1653.
,,	Hum. Perry	Colledge ,,	29 6 0	26 Nov. 1652.
,,	John Millard	Hayfield, Derby	72 10 6	1 Dec. ,,
,,	John Preston	Stone, Stafford	41 14 6	26 Nov. ,,
,,	John Tranter	Tean ,,	72 10 6	1 Dec. ,,
,,	Ralph Watson	Floosert ,,	72 10 0	,, ,,
,,	Jermyn Wootton	Cannock ,,	47 19 6	26 Nov. ,,
—	Jas. Plant	Ashenhurst ,,	53 0 0	5 March 1653.

* Plant's certificate is missing.—ED.

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1. The case of John Dury, now drawn up, to be offered to Council for report to Parliament.

3. Order to present to Council a letter to be sent to Cols. Dixwell and Kelsey, and others appointed to examine and report on the differences in the town of Sandwich in electing officers, as what is fit to be done for composing the differences.

5. The petitions of Juan Mexica de Herrera and Juan de Lossa Barrona to be sent to the Admiralty Judges, to report to this Committee what should be done in the cases, returning the petitions. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 22–24.]

[April 1.] **1.** Petition of Thos. Cornelius, Wm. Stanley, and other merchants of Southampton, to the Council of State, for a protection for the crew of the Diligence of Southampton from impress, that they may proceed on their voyage. Have lately been at great charge in victualling and freighting their ship for a fishing voyage to Newfoundland, and three weeks since, petitioned for a protection for the ship and 33 men, which for reasons of State was then suspended for 14 days. Are at vast expense in keeping their ship at home, and the fishing season being now come, unless they have present liberty to proceed, the whole season will be lost, and they greatly injured. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 1. **2.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Also I.* 41, *p.* 45.]

April 1. **3.** Petition of John Arthur of Weymouth, co. Dorset, merchant, to the Council of State, for a protection for 18 men of the John of Weymouth from impress. The ship arrived from the Straits six weeks since, and while in the Thames, the whole of her men were impressed for the State's service, and as petitioner has a great quantity of fish lying at Newfoundland taken last year, it will be utterly spoiled if not sent for at once. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 1. **4.** Similar petition for 10 men for the Black Horse of Weymouth. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 1. **5.** Reference on both petitions to the Admiralty Committee. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Also I.* 41, *p.* 46.]

[April 1.] **6.** Petition of Slingsby Bethell and George Warcopp, on behalf of the merchant adventurers of England, to the Council of State, for protection for 40 seamen belonging to the Damozel of London, to go with cloth to Germany. Acknowledge with all thankfulness the speedy audience given to their former petition for a convoy of their cloth

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ships for Germany, and have resolved to ship their cloth and other manufactures forthwith. [1 *page.*]

April 1. Whitehall. **7.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 41, *p.* 48.]

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3. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to confer with the Admiralty Judges concerning the private men-of-war, to know what caution they have given in for the performance of their articles, to examine concerning the miscarriage of any of the captains, to consider how offenders may be punished, and how miscarriages may be in future prevented, and to report.

7. The petition of Jane Neale, widow, referred to the Committee for reviving references made to the late Committee for Examinations.

8. That of Maj. Thomas Salmon referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider the power of the Council in the business and report.

9. The Marshal-General of the Army to return next Monday a perfect list of the Scotch prisoners of war committed to him since the battle of Worcester; what security they will be able to give on their release, what is the constant charge of their keeping, how much has been already paid, and how much is in arrear.

10. The letter for Sandwich now read to be signed and sent, and Col. John Dixwell to go down to see it put in execution.

11. Col. Sidney to represent to Parliament the case of John Durie.

12. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to speak with the Navy Victuallers and with such persons as have clapboards and pipestaves and refuse to sell them at market price for the use of the navy, to inquire into the difference between them, and report. Both parties to attend the Committee on Monday at 8 a.m.

13. Col. Morley's report concerning silver mines in Ireland to be made next Monday.

14. To write to the Commissioners in Ireland what Council has done in granting a license to Col. O'Dwyer, Maj.-Gen. Hugh O'Neill, and Sir John Clotworthy, to transport Irish into foreign parts.

15. The Commissioners of Customs to permit certain books by Mr. Milton, in answer to the book called the late King's, being translated into French, to be transported into France custom free.

16. The petition of Miles Causton referred to the Admiralty Committee.

19. The list of the captains to command the 12 ships taken up for the southward, presented by the Admiralty Committee, approved, and a copy to be sent to the Generals of the Fleet to give commissions accordingly.

20. The list of captains to command the 25 merchant ships and others now in the Thames taken for the service of the commonwealth, sent by the Admiralty Committee, approved, and they permitted to make alterations in the list as to the

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placing of the captains, so long as they keep to the men and ships particularised. The Generals of the Fleet to give commissions to the captains. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **8.**]

21. The Admiralty Committee to give order for the impressing of the Mayflower into the public service. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **9.**]

22. Order on petition of Robert Blaicklay, Scotch minister, that he have liberty to remain in England, demeaning himself inoffensively towards the Government.

23. Maj.-Gen. Hugh O'Neill, prisoner in the Tower, to be discharged, provided he be imprisoned for no other cause than the one expressed in his warrant for commitment, and a warrant therefor to be issued to the Lieutenant of the Tower. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 45–49.]

April 1. ORDERS IN THE ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

10. That as the greater part of the fleet under Vice-Admiral Penn will soon be in the Swinn, when the Navy Commissioners hear of his arrival there, they despatch thither Major Bourne with one of the Navy Victuallers, to ascertain the true condition of the fleet, and supply them with victuals and stores as required. Also that the merchant ships now taken up be supplied and hastened to the Swinn. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

11. That the Navy Commissioners supply the said merchant ships with all needful officers, except lieutenants, having respect to the qualifications formerly specified, and report their names to the Admiralty Commissioners. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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12. Generals Rich. Deane and George Monck to the Admiralty Committee. Vice-Admiral Penn is making sail to the Swinn; we send an account of the ships gone with him, and how the rest here are disposed of, and the Navy Commissioners will send particulars as to victuals, munition, and men wanting for the remainder. We hope you are mindful of pilots for the fleet. Diligence should be used for our conjunction with the eastward fleet. We have had a fair warning by what has happened in the Straits. We desire that Capt. Bourne, who is now almost well, may be appointed to the Unicorn and go with us, and Capt. Strong to the Swiftsure.

P.S.—The sickness increases daily both on ship and shore; we hope you will think of Porchester Castle or some other fit place to put them, as Farnham and the adjacent places will not contain them. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

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13. Thos. Bulstrode and three others to the Excise Committee. The farm of inland commodities in co. Hants, having expired, and none appearing in order to a future farm, we have appointed Sub-Commissioners to collect the excise upon the commodities lately farmed, except the ports and havens already settled in the hands of others, and chosen Capt. Peter Mayoes and Wm. Cook, the latter having been a Sub-Commissioner for Oxfordshire, and removed to give place

the farmers of that county; being men of good report and fit, we recommend them for your allowance. Noted as agreed. [½ *page.*]

April 1. **14.** Thos. Bulstrode and three others to the Excise Committee. Thomas Mason, one of the Sub-Commissioners for Southampton, Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight, having lately died, we have chosen Edw. Marsh, of Southampton, to succeed him, and desire your approbation thereof. Noted as agreed. [¼ *page.*]

April 1. **15.** Thos. Bulstrode and three others to the Excise Committee. The farm of the town of Newcastle-on-Tyne expiring 25th March last, we have contracted with John Bell, Robt. Anderson, and Wm. Cutter, recommended by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the town, for half a year from 25 March, for the excise of glass, and all other native and inland commodities (salt, soap, hats, tobacco, pipes, and old and new draperies excepted) made, spent, consumed, and payable within the said town and its liberties, at the rent of 500*l.*, which is 50*l.* advance for the said term, and transmit the same for your approbation. Noted as agreed. [½ *page.*]

April 2. Salisbury. **16.** Thos. Raye, Mayor of Salisbury, to Rich. Hutchinson. The 298 Dutch prisoners are in safe custody in this city, but the disbursements for their victuals and other necessaries and watchmen will soon amount to a considerable sum, more than I could disburse or procure, and therefore I send a bill for 300*l.*, and desire it may be paid upon three days' sight, to Wm. Wentworth, factor, Swan Alley, Coleman St., London. [1 *page.*]

April 2. Algiers. Edm. Casson to the Navy Committee. Since my last, there have been delivered to us And. Putt, of Limehouse, also John Martin, and Cumarad Newbery, sent by Fras. Hayes, of Dover, to Ostend and Malaga, but taken. We have eight men given us by the governors. We do not want to keep them if we could dispose of them with safety.

The Great Turk having sent hither for ships, the governors sent him five all armed and victualled for six months. Seven have come in from Sally, with powder, saltpetre, lead, cordage, masts, &c., and several have gone out with corn. The Sally ships brought in eight English captains, and have carried them for Tunis, of which I have advised the consul. This place is much increased in shipping, by reason of the great Holland ships they have taken. They have cut another carvel in the middle, and intend she shall carry 20 pieces of ordnance, and care not what they spend to make a ship sail well. [1½ *pages. See December* 29, 1652, *p.* 62, *suprd.*] *Enclosing,*

1. *List of* 12 *ships taken as prize and brought into Algiers.* [¾ *page.*]

April 3. The James, Dover Road. **17.** Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn to the Council of State. I sailed on the 1st, with 40 State and merchant men-of-war, besides ketches and small vessels attending the fleet, and ten prizes taken in the

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last engagement with the Hollanders, to the Swinn, but eight of the ships are returning, their contracts being over, and those of others are nearly expired. Much of the fleet is victualled but for a short time, and some are foul and need repair. There is great want of men. [1 *page.*]

April 3. The James, Dover Road. Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn to the Admiralty Committee. I have ordered 209 barrels of powder from Dover to be put on board the Gilyflower, for the fleet at Portsmouth. Major Bourne should be sent down to report our condition, which is not bad, but there are many sick in the fleet, and more falling down daily. The Unicorn might be manned out of the merchantmen coming up with the prizes. [1 *page, with the preceding.*]

April 4. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Thurloe to have a commission drawn up for Mr. Rigby, according to former order, and bring it in on Wednesday.

2. Order to report to Council that the information and the papers of Capt. Hosier against Major Wildey should be transferred to the Admiralty Committee, recommending them (as Hosier is now at Newcastle, one of that convoy, and no examinations can be taken but *ex parte*) on his coming up to examine both parties and report. Also that as Wildey has a trust on him at Yarmouth, on behalf of the State, which may suffer by his absence, he should be dismissed, and have liberty to return home. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 24, 25.]

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1. The petition of Margaret, widow of John Thompson, mariner, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

2. Order on petition of Capt. Ant. Young and John Taylor, that no further proceedings be taken against them, and that they be discharged from restraint, and their securities also. Notice of this order to be sent to the Admiralty Judges and advocate.

3. Order on petition of Giles Joy, that the Commissioners of Prizes act as they think fit.

4. The petition of John Adam, late surgeon of the Garland, referred to the Navy Commissioners.

5. That of Lewis Parent, merchant of Leith in Scotland, laid aside.

6. That of Mary Gatfield, widow, on behalf of Thomas Keeler, her servant, to be offered to Council this day week.

7. To write to Vice-Admiral Penn to hasten with the fleet into the Swinn, and to lie in a part where he may be ready, on receipt of orders, to go into immediate service.

8. The business of the fleet with Vice-Admiral Penn and the collier fleet to be considered to-morrow. Members in town to attend.

9. 100 of the Dutch prisoners at Winchester to be sent to Newbury, and 50 to Andover; notice to be sent to those who have them in custody, and also to the Mayor of Newbury and bailiff of Andover, to keep them safely till further orders, and to draw bills on the

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Navy Treasurer for their maintenance, not exceeding the allowance of 6*d.* a day.

10. The Admiralty Committee to take care that the above-named bills be duly paid. [*Also Vol. XXXV., Nos.* **18, 19.**]

11. The appointed Committee to meet the Portuguese Ambassador to-morrow at 4 p.m. Fleming to give him notice.

12, 13. Mr. Scott to report to Parliament the account by Richard Bradshaw, lately sent Resident into Denmark, of his negociations with the King, and his papers with particulars of his negociations to be read to-morrow.

14. The Admiralty Committee to hasten out the ships most ready for strengthening Vice-Admiral Penn, now at or near the Swinn, and to acquaint Council to-morrow what ships will be first ready. [*Also Vol. XXXV., Nos.* **20, 21.**]

15. The Admiralty Committee to give instructions to Major Bourne and Capt. Wildey, on their going to Vice-Admiral Penn, to consider with him of the fleet's going to the Swinn, or what other place is convenient for taking in provisions and for being ready to set sail upon orders. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **22.**] [*I.* 41, *pp.* 40–52.]

23. Col. Sidney to report to Parliament the condition of the private affairs of John Dury, appointed to go with Viscount Lisle to Sweden, to be considered on account of his former good services, and present likelihood of usefulness. [1 *page.*]

April 4. **24.** Order in the Admiralty Committee referring a letter annexed to the Navy Commissioners, to consider whether the victual ships should not be sent to Portsmouth by the present convoy, as there is great want of victuals there to set forth that fleet, and ordering great care to supply it and Vice-Admiral Penn's squadron. [½ *page.*]

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Portsmouth. **25.** Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to [the Admiralty Committee.] We have received yours stating that you are providing pilots and ketches for Vice-Admiral Penn, and that 20 of the merchant ships in the river will soon be ready to join us. We are getting ready the 12 merchant ships for the southward expedition, and are glad to send some to ply in the Channel.

We will try to dispose of the soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment on their arrival. It is worth a serious thought whether a fleet should be sent to the Straits, as Col. Badiley is coming home, or if not, could be called home, till a fitter opportunity for managing that affair. If so, that fleet and five more might be disposed, 10 at the mouth of the Channel to ply between Scilly and Ushant, and 15 to the north west of Ireland, so as to meet the whole summer's trade of the Dutch, or their East India fleet, before their convoy from Holland meets them, and another fleet northward would do much good.

We wish some order may be made on the petition of the officers, as it will be acceptable to all employed in the service. We had written Council about the affair at St. Martin's, and would have sent ships there if ordered, but then there was nothing to prevent

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De Witt passing through the Channel at pleasure, and if he had met any ships, to have ruined them; uniting our forces will be better than separating them. There is small appearance of men. Is Capt. Bourne to have the command of the Unicorn? We enclose a list (*missing*) of ships plying in the Channel for securing trade. [2½ *pages.*]

April 4. Hull. **26.** Hugh Powell to the Navy Commissioners. I delivered Council's letter to the Mayor, but it produces only the impressing of three men. Their plea was that 33 sail went for London a day or two before I came. After two days I went to Burlington and pressed nine men, finding Sir Wm. Strickland most ready to promote the service. Thence to Scarborough and delivered Council's letter to the bailiffs, but to little purpose. I could only impress six strangers, not one townsman. Then to Whitby, but some ill-affected person having warned them, they got away, and I only impressed nine by aid of Capt. Axtell, late lieutenant of the Speaker, who might be useful in the other ports. Thence I came to Newcastle, but the Mayor would not mention impressing, lest the seamen on 208 sail for which a convoy was to be sent should run away. Thence I went to York, hoping help from the judges at the assizes, but they only gave me a slight warrant to the constables at Selby and Cawood.

I have taken up 45*l.* from Fras. Greame, collector at Hull. I enclose a list of ships bound for London. A frigate or two would be very useful on these coasts, as many ships are lost. Two Dutch men-of-war chased two English vessels into Robin Hood's Bay, and would have taken them but for the country and Capt. Axtell's company from Whitby. Ensign Ledgard might be useful in impressing men at Scarborough, as there are many there, and the frigates would receive them; if an order was given to stay trading for the present, the fleet would soon be supplied. [2 *pages.*]

April 4. Algiers. Hum. Oneby to the Navy Committee. We have fair usage from the Bashaw and Duana, who promise that all things shall be performed by them according to the peace, whereof we have no cause of complaint, for in the last six months, they have given us eight of our men taken in their enemies' ships, and their ships being abroad, they met with several English ships, and commanded some, but used them in a friendly way, and did them no harm, so that we hope the peace will be well maintained. I hope you will give order to the commanders of your ships not to abuse any of the ships belonging to this port, as Captains Badiley and Wadsworth formerly did, which brought trouble and charge upon us. Many of the ships have been abroad, and taken sundry prizes, but few of any great value, and the town has now armed out five ships upon their great master's service against Candia, which will be a means of keeping them from doing mischief in these parts. The captive captains continue their petition to you to be helpful in freeing them out of their hard bondage. [¾ *page. See* 29 *December* 1652, *p.* 62, *suprà.*]

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April 4. Excise Office. **27.** Thomas Bulstrode and three others to the Excise Committee. Having contracted with Robert Stockdale for the excise of all inland commodities in the north riding of York for half a year commencing 25 March last, when the former farm expired, at the rent of 730*l.*, being 180*l.* advance, we submit the same for your allowance. Noted as agreed. [½ *page.*]

April 4. Excise Office, London. **28.** Thomas Bulstrode and three others to the Excise Committee. The farm of the excise of inland commodities in co. Dorset, expiring the 25th March last, we have contracted with — Dassell, gentleman, for the half year ensuing, for the farm of inland commodities in the said county (the Isle of Portland and towns of Poole Weymouth, M[elcomb Regis], and Lyme excepted), at the rent of 900*l.*, under the usual covenants, and submit the same for your approbation. Noted as agreed. [*Damaged,* ½ *page.*]

April 5. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Thurloe to state the matter of fact concerning the business of Mr. Gunter.

2. The appointed Committee to meet Signor Salvetti this day week at 4 p.m., in Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

3. The appointed Committee to meet the Spanish Ambassador next Thursday at 4 p.m. Fleming to give him notice.

4. The paper of M. Barrière referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

5. Also the petition of Richard Nescombe, John White, and other merchants of London, to consider its truth and report.

6. The paper given by the Portuguese Ambassador to the Commissioners appointed to treat with him referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to confer with what merchants they think fit, and report.

7, 9. The petitions of Eleanor, wife of John Merrick, mariner; and of James Wych, merchant of London, for relief, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

8, 11. Those of the inhabitants of the Isle of Jersey, and of Joseph Dobbins of the Peter of London, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

12. Those of the Earl of Dumfries and Lt.-Gen. David Leslie, to be read when the Lord General shall be present.

13. The Admiralty Committee to order such ships in the Thames as are ready to join Rear-Admiral Lawson or Vice-Admiral Penn, as they see most fit. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **28***a.*]

14. Col. Ingoldsby to order the commanders of his companies at Deal and Dover to deliver to persons appointed by Vice-Admiral Penn 270 men with their arms, for the better enabling of the fleet.

18. The papers from Resident Bradshaw about his Denmark negociations to be read to-morrow.

19. Order on petition of Edw. Ayscough, woollen draper of London, that Council cannot meddle in the matter till Parliament declare what rule shall be observed as to proceeding against goods belonging to the Danes, and now seized.

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20. The business of sending ships to the Straits to be considered next Friday.

24. To write to the commander of the convoy for the collier fleet of the directions given to Vice-Admiral Penn, and order that he correspond with him in order to that service.

25. To write to the Mayor of Newcastle that as long as the collier fleet remains there, he acquaint Council every 24 hours of the intelligence gained at sea.

26. To write to the Generals of the fleet an account of the above orders. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 53–58.]

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Whitehall.

29. Council of State to Rear-Admiral [Lawson]. You will see by the enclosed what direction we have given to Vice-Admiral Penn, with whom you and such ships as are with you are to join; and that you may the better effect the same, you are to repair to the Swinn, and send out a ketch to observe when he passes by, so that you may take the best opportunity of joining with him. Direction is given for sending after you such ships as are in the river, and can be the soonest got out. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

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Whitehall.

30. Council of State to Vice-Admiral Penn. Having received letters from the captain of the convoy at Newcastle, that he intends to take the first opportunity of wind to come away with the collier fleet of 300 sail, and considering how much the commonwealth is concerned in the safety of that fleet, we desire you to immediately sail with your fleet to some place between Harwich and Yarmouth, most convenient for the fleet to lie in, in order to a conjunction with Rear-Admiral Lawson, and such other ships as shall be sent out of the river, so that upon intelligence sent from hence, or which you can gain yourself (for which purpose you are to keep scouts constantly out) concerning the motion of the enemy, you may be ready to move for the security of the collier fleet, and attend the motion of the enemy, as you, being upon the place, find the service to require. Such merchant ships with you as are useless you can send into the river with the prize ships.

For supplying you with men, there are 270 land soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment at Dover, ready to come on board, which you may take in if it will be no hindrance to you, and to that end, direction has been sent to Lieut.-Col. Mill at Dover to send them on board if you desire it. Enclosed is a copy of the instruction given to the rear-admiral for his joining with you. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

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Stilyard.

31. Jacob Jacobson to John Thurloe, Secretary to the Council of State. I enclose copy of a certificate from the agent of Hamburg, entreating a furtherance of his affairs, and desire you to remember the letter of the Senate of Lubec, enclosing the same certificate, so that I may obtain an answer. If the Committee meet concerning

the business of our Stilyard, I wish the rest of the merchants to have notice thereof, so that they may wait upon you. [1 *page.*]

April 5. 3 p.m, Scarborough.

32. Mat. Fowler, Bailiff of Scarborough, M. Beamond, commander of the castle, and three others, to the Admiralty Committee. News has come from Burlington that a great fleet has been seen off Flamborough Head, which are supposed to be Hollanders under the command of De Witt; we have sent notice to the 200 sail lying off the castle, as also by land to Newcastle, and to you by special post. We are getting ready to give our fleet the best assistance, and to receive then in this port and road, should it prove to be the enemy. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

April 5. The James, Downs.

33. Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn to Sir Hen. Vane, junr. It was thought best by pilots and others that we should go to the Swinn through the Downs. We arrived yesterday, and the wind being N.E. could not have gone without the Goodwin Sands, and are detained here to-day for want of wind. I called the commanders together, and bade them send an account of their defects. It is not a small number of men that will fit this fleet for service, and the invention of man cannot prevent their decreasing, so long as we remain here. Let orders be sent to Capt. Hayward of the Gilly-flower where to repair, as it will hardly be safe for him to remain in the Downs after our departure. [1 *page.*]

April 5. Portsmouth.

34. Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to the [Admiralty Committee.] We send some commissions, and will forward more as they are ready. Seamen come in very slowly, though the Navy Commissioners have done their utmost. It is strange they cannot be found out when above 1,000 are gone from Dartmouth to Newfoundland, and if some are not procured, we shall not be able to get out the fleet. The seamen greatly complain for want of pay of their tickets when they change their ships, and some for want of clothes lost in the late fight. Their complaints are just, and we have given their tickets to their captains, who get them signed, and give them to those who will not run away, but to the rest only money enough for necessaries. Yet in spite of our care, you still order the Commissioners here to pay no money but to sick and wounded men, which is a ready way to lose men, for if the sick are looked after at the State's charge, their tickets paid, and they discharged, we shall see them no more, and many will be sick to gain that opportunity.

The navy treasurer has ordered the Commissioners here to pay no tickets, so when we apply to them in cases of absolute necessity, they say they have no power. We think it neither in reason nor conscience to employ men who must perish for want of the clothes lost in the service, and whose families are starving, and yet their pay is due, their tickets are signed, and their captains are satisfied they will not run away. This much prejudices the service.

You can best judge whether any of the soldiers' arms ought to be left behind. The Sampson and Marmaduke have come in with 100

barrels of powder from Pendennis, as also the ships from the East with corn for Ireland, but their convoys are gone to Rye for shot. Therefore send a ship or two here for that purpose, as we have none. [3 *pages.*]

April 5. **35.** Extract from the *Mare clausum,* asserting the ancient right of England to the striking of flags at sea. It was ordained at Hastings for a law and custom of the sea, in 2 John, by the advice of the lords temporal, that if a lieutenant in any voyage, being ordained by the Common Council of the kingdom, encountered any ships or vessels upon the seas, laden or unladen, that would not strike or veil their bonnets at the commandment of the lieutenant of the King, or of his admiral or his lieutenant, but fought against them, if they were taken, they were to be reputed enemies, and their ships, vessels, and goods or taken and forfeited as the goods of enemies, although the masters to be possessors of the same should afterwards allege they were the ships, vessels, and goods of those that were friends to the King, and that the common people in the same are to be chastised at discretion by imprisonment for their rebellion.

"The French is in a very ancient and fair MS. book amongst the rest of the maritime laws, and undoubtedly was a record of the Admiralty Court, then in the possession of the registrar of that Court, the names of the Lord Admiral and registrar being written at the beginning of the book, which is now remaining with Mr. Selden, and is of no less authority then antiquity." Endorsed by Bradshaw: "A transcript of a record in the time of King John, touching the striking of sail; brought in by Mr. Ryley, Keeper of the Records in the Tower, by order of the Council of State." [3 *pages, Latin, French, and English.*]

April 5. **36.** Order in the Admiralty Committee for the Navy Commissioners to send to the commanders of the 25 merchant ships to go aboard, and get their ships ready to fall down into Lee Road, where they will be furnished with mariners, though they must lose no opportunity of supplying themselves. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

April 6. Order in the Committee for Trade and foreign affairs that a paper read be reported to Council, to be offered to M. de Bourdeaux, if they think fit. [*I.* 133, *p.* 26.]

April 6. **37.** Petition of Dr. Edw. Emilie, Wm. Watson, Thos. Hollier, and Thos. Allen, physician and surgeons to St. Thomas's Hospital, Southwark, to the Council of State, for a proper remuneration for attending the sick and wounded seamen. Since the last engagement with the Holland fleet, 60 sick and wounded have been brought in, and more are daily expected. Petitioners have always had particular care of any soldiers sent to them, and the nature of their hurts and diseases, being accompanied with more than ordinary ill

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accidents, cannot be cured but by more than usual care and attendance on their part, to the great prejudice of their practice, and for which they receive no satisfaction. [1 *page.*]

April 6. Whitehall. **38.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee to do what is reasonable. [½ *page. Also I.* 41, *p.* 60.]

April 6. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir James Harrington's report concerning the business of the Mint to be read this day week.

3. The Committee for Scotch and Irish Affairs to consider how the Dutch prisoners at Chichester may be disposed of to other places of more security and convenience.

4. To write to the Mayor of Canterbury that many of the Dutch prisoners sent there have miscarried for want of necessary conveniences, though the money for their keeping has been constantly paid, and to desire him to take better care for the future.

5. The Admiralty Committee to give order for the setting out of four nimble ketches for gaining intelligence, and to give instruction to their commanders. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **39.**]

6. The same order given upon the petition of Capt. Edmund Chapman as upon that of Capts. Taylor and Young.

7. The petition of Henry Collins, of the Malaga merchant, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to examine him, and if what he alleges be true, and he produce Sir G. Ayscue's warrant for what he affirms, to allow his account, and grant him discharge.

9. The Irish and Scotch Committee to give directions that the powder taken from the castle and fort of Bristol, on their disgarrisoning, be sent to such ports of Ireland as Sir Hardress Waller shall nominate; the Committee to confer with him of a further supply to be sent, and report.

10. The Admiralty Committee to appoint a fit guard for the Irish seas, and to acquaint Council what ships are already appointed to that service. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **40.**]

11. The petition of Elizabeth, widow of John Williams, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

13. Order on petition of John George, victualler, that Mr. Scott certify what the business is which he stands charged with.

15. The appointed Committee to meet M. de Bordeaux next Friday at 4 p.m. Fleming to give him notice.

16. The business of Major-General Lambert to be considered to-morrow afternoon; the Lord General to be desired to be present.

17. The Committee appointed to treat with the Portuguese Ambassador to send him, at a convenient time, the articles agreed to by Council.

18. The business of Denmark to be read to-morrow.

19. Major Gooch to attend Council to-morrow.

21. The captains under-named to command the following ships. The Generals of the fleet to commission them accordingly:—

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Ships.	Captains.
Samuel	Capt. W. Swire.
Victoria	„ Thos. Rands.
Excester Merchant	„ Sparkes.
Merchants' Delight	„ Clerke.
Recovery	„ Bunford.
Vanity	„ Fareley.
James	„ Greble.
Employment	„ Cox.
Dolphin	„ Marvin.
Culpepper	„ Dibbs.
Consent	„ Jonathan Taylor.
Wren	„ Drue.

[*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **41.**]

22. The Admiralty Committee to be free to make Capts. Taylor, Young, and Wadsworth commanders of merchant ships in the State's service. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **42.**]

23. Col. Morley and Ald. Allein added to the Committee for the Tower.

25. Capt. Jos. Taylor to command the Exchange, and Capt. Wm. Goodgin the Joshua. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **43.**]

26. Capt. Wm. Smithson to command the Horsey-Down shallop. With his note to Mr. Blackborne requesting the same. [*Also Vol. XXXV., Nos.* **44, 45.**]

27. The Lord General to order the officers of his own and Col. Berkstead's regiments that 8,000 or 1,000 be ready to be sent down the river, to man the ships setting forth from thence, on intimation of time from the Admiralty Committee. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 59–63.]

April 6. **46.** Form of a warrant [by the Admiralty Committee, to Col. Berkstead, and 13 others] to impress as many able seamen and watermen as he can possibly procure, giving to each 1*s.* press money and 1½*d.* [a mile] conduct money from the place where they shall be pressed to the place where they shall be received on board; and upon their appearance, they are to be entered into the service, charging them, as they will answer the contrary, to make their immediate repair and appearance accordingly; all mayors, justices of the peace, sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, headboroughs, and others, to be aiding and assisting therein. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

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Portsmouth. **47.** Navy Commissioners at Portsmouth to the Admiralty Committee. We have done our utmost to take up the 12 merchantmen appointed for the southward according to their former contracts, but the masters were so adverse to it that we could not prevail; therefore we agreed to the other way, and they will soon be ready, if you will but appoint their imprests amounting to 3,580*l.* to be paid here; the deputy treasurer can spare it. We have been much threatened for refusing to sign the seamen's tickets. We beg

that when we can spare the money, as it would much satisfy both Generals and men, you would leave something to our discretion. We send the treasurer's instrument to attend you thereon, as also on the imprests. The Resolution has sailed, and the Tiger and others are ready; particulars of ships; 100 men have been pressed in Sussex and Hampshire, and many hundreds more could have been obtained, but for the private men-of-war. The Marmaduke and Sampson have arrived, and want graving and men. [1¾ *pages.*]

April 6. Portsmouth. **48.** Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to Capt. Robt. Plumly, commander of the Sampson prize. You are forthwith to set sail with the ships under your command, and take into your protection the ships of which Thos. Morgan, Barnaby Holding, John Swan Wm. Gilbert, Thos. Bassett, and Jas. Nicholls are masters, bound for Limerick, Waterford, and Dublin, as also all other vessels in the harbour and road, bound for any ports in Ireland, and safely convoy those bound for Dublin or any place between the Tuskar and Knockfergus, and to within the Tuskar. Those bound between the Tuskar and Cape Clear see near their harbours and out of danger, and those bound for Galway and Limerick safe to port; then repair to Plymouth and give us notice of your arrival, when you shall receive further orders. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

April 6. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. The order of Parliament of 30 March, on Whitelock's report, to proceed with the deputies according to former orders, and concerning the allowance to the deputies, and the treating with them about commissions in Scotland, considered, and then communicated to the deputies.

2. They insist notwithstanding that if the assessment may not be considered the rule on which the proportion of deputies for Scotland was resolved, it may be settled as to its proportion with England, before the 30 members are fixed on the several shires in Scotland.

3. That in the ascertaining thereof, Scotland be considered as well in its integrity and intrinsic value before the late wars, as in its present poverty through devastation and spoil by the wars.

4. The Committee reply that they have no instructions thereon from Parliament, and cannot admit any such debate, giving divers reasons therefor; but as the time for payment of the assess ends within this month, the deputies still press the Committee to move Parliament to hear them thereon, before the continuance of the assess be resolved on. This the Committee will consider.

5. Order—on motion that Mr. Milne, deputy for Edinburgh, may be spared to return, his presence being wanted there for carrying on some fortifications,—that the Committee cannot intermeddle therein.

6. The Committee to treat with the deputies to-morrow about judicatories in Scotland, and hear what they offer, according to their desire to be heard before any renewal of commissions be resolved on by Parliament.

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7. To consider to-morrow an order of the Council of State of 31 March, recommending to this Committee a report from the Irish and Scotch Committee about Heriot's Hospital, Edinburgh. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 60–62.]

April 6. **49.** Trustees for sale of Delinquents' estates to the Committee for inspecting the treasuries. On your order of 29 March, we have issued warrants for 4,000*l.* (part of the 15,000*l.* granted by order of Parliament of 17 March 1653) to the treasurers for delinquents' estates, and according to our distribution, some of the surveyors, clerks, and messengers employed on the service have received as far as the 4,000*l.* would amount to, but the same is now exhausted. Divers others remain unsatisfied, whose necessities are no less pressing, and truly the sad complaints of some of them and of their wives, which are daily and even hourly sounding in our ears, abundantly demonstrate their necessitous condition, which if not speedily supplied, we shall (through their continual clamours) be much disturbed in the discharge of the trust which Parliament has reposed in us. That we may the better and more cheerfully perform it, and the bowels of the needy be refreshed, and the spirits of all who are engaged in this public work be in some measure composed, we desire you will grant another order to the treasurers for the remaining part of the said 15,000*l.*, or for such part thereof as may possibly be dispensed with, in reference to the great affairs of the commonwealth. [1 *page.*]

April 7. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Love, Commissioners Lisle and Whitelock, and Cols. Morley and Fielder to be a Committee on the complaint of Col. Mayo against Major Gooch, to examine them both, and any other persons concerned, and report.

2. The above Committee to sit to-morrow morning. Col. Mayo and Major Gooch to attend.

3. The appointment of a Commander-in-Chief in Scotland to be considered to-morrow afternoon.

4. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the paper concerning the islands on the north of Scotland, and what is offered for their security; also what may be done to hinder certain meetings in Edinburgh and other places, which tend to disturb the peaceful union of England and Scotland, and to report.

5. Mr. Skinner to come to Mr. Thurloe at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

6. A paper to be prepared and brought to Council to-morrow, demanding of the agent for Hamburg a ship belonging to the Merchant Adventurers, taken out of the Elbe, within their jurisdiction.

7. Order on information that there are certain mariners lying concealed in Rochford hundred, Essex, to escape being impressed, that the Lieutenant of the Tower send down fit persons to impress all such seamen as are found there.

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9. To write to Vice-Admiral Penn of the intelligence concerning the coal fleet.

10. The Committee for Prize Goods to send by 7 a.m. to-morrow a list of the prize ships in their custody, and distinguish which are condemned and which are not.

11. Col. Fielder and Mr. Scott to repair to the Admiralty Commissioners at Chatham, with instructions to consult with them as to the collier fleet, and the enemy's fleet under De Witt; and thereupon to give order to Vice-Admiral Penn and Rear-Admiral Lawson to execute such resolutions as they shall take, in order to the public service.

12. Council to sit to-morrow at 7 a.m. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 63–66.]

April 7.
Whitehall.

50. Council of State to the Generals of the fleet. On receipt of the enclosed from Scarborough, and of letters from Holland that De Witt is at sea, we have sent two of our members to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are gone to hasten out the ships, and with instructions to give orders to the Vice-Admiral and other ships, and to hasten the fleet at Portsmouth to sea. [½ *page.*]

50. I. *Capt. Peter Motham to the Navy Commissioners. Hearing nothing of De Witt's fleet, I sailed from Tynemouth with* 300 *colliers; but on intelligence that there were* 19 *or* 20 *sail off Flamborough Head, supposed to be Flemings or De Witt's fleet, I brought the colliers back to Scarborough Pier, or under command of the castle, and advising with the deputy governor of the castle and the town officers, sent out three cobbles and a man-of-war for intelligence, who report* 25 *sail besides the* 19. *I have secured the* 250 *barrels of powder brought by Capt. Hosier from Newcastle. This place is dangerous in storms. The masters are refractory, and some steal away in the night.—*6 *April* 1653, *The Bear, Scarborough Wick.* [1 *page.*]

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Navy Office,
Portsmouth.

51. Navy Commissioners at Portsmouth to the Admiralty Commissioners. According to your order of the 5th, we shall return to London in a few days, but we must first settle some business here. Some merchant ships gone into the bay have added security to the Resolution, which rode somewhat naked, and those left by Capt. Penn are cruising. We hope the rest in harbour will soon be despatched. [¾ *page.*]

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Portsmouth.

52. Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Commissioners. We received yours with Council's orders for Vice-Admiral Penn to sail to some place between Harwich and Yarmouth for protection of the coal fleet, with the Heartsease and George, which will be a small addition to his force. It is far easier to design ships than to get them ready to sail. As for the ships for the southern expedition, we beg you to note that though we offered to lie on the Irish coast,

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we never intended it until there was a conjunction between the fleet with Penn and these here. As to our desires about Capt. Bourne, there is only the Unicorn vacant that he can command.

We enclose a letter from Major-Gen. Deane, which shows that we shall not have Capt. Proud's company, or it would much disquiet his wife, but we should like him to be asked if he cannot come. The shortness of fish will augment the discontent of the seamen. Let the victuallers be spoken with, and money given the stewards as promised, to make up the want. There should be two store chests with medicaments and physic put on board the admiral, with an able surgeon. The Sampson will convoy the ships for Ireland. [3 *pages.*]

April 7. Gravesend. **53.** Rich. Hutchinson to the Admiralty Committee. The Navy Commissioners are ordering no tickets for removal to other ships to be paid at Portsmouth, as the treasury there is only for extraordinaries, not for imprests or wages, at which the Commissioners there are troubled, and the seamen too; this is occasioned by their first giving way to such payments, and the Generals have written about it. Pray settle how it is to be, or in such confusion I cannot continue my employment. I beg you to appoint a successor whose spirit may be better fitted for such employment than mine. I leave it to you and Parliament to compensate me for what I have done. This is not sudden discontent. I have long intended it.

P.S.—There are more counterfeit tickets this year than ever. A woman confessed that their maker was gone for Portsmouth, where no one understands anything, and tickets are paid without examination. Musters are also greatly neglected. [1 *page.*]

April 7. 11 p.m., Margate. **54.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have been on board the vice-admiral, and taken an account of the condition of the squadron, and will send the demand for stores to the Navy Commissioners; 700 men are required, and the masters complain that many are unserviceable and sick. They have about 10 weeks' victuals. They are at anchor off the North Foreland, becalmed, and intend for Sould [Southwold] Bay. The vice and rear-admiral require some white and blue colours. [1 *page.*]

April 7. 11 p.m., Margate. **55.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. I have just left the vice-admiral and his squadron of 41 ships at anchor off the North Foreland, bound to Sould Bay, where he will make a conjunction with the rear-admiral. I enclose demands for stores and for sick and wounded. De Witt with above 40 sail was reported to be W.N.W. of the Texel last Friday, sailing northward. [1 *page.*]

April 7. COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH SCOTCH DEPUTIES. Day's Proceedings.

1. The deputies renew their request to be heard on the assessments before the number of representatives be ascertained, which the Committee promises to report to Parliament, and inform the deputies thereof.

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2. Order that the clerk attend the Commissioners for inspecting the Revenue, with the order of Parliament to consider how the allowance to the deputies may be advanced out of the revenue, and press them to put it into a way of speedy payment.

3. As it is late and Parliament near sitting, the conference with the deputies adjourned till to-morrow, but they called in and acquainted with all that has passed at this day's Committee.

4. The deputies inform the Committee that there are several assemblies in Edinburgh of persons disaffected to the union, tending to keep off the hearts of the people from it, and they think it their duty to make this known.

5. Judge Lockhart, one of the deputies, says he has heard of meetings in other places in Scotland, and of other parties different from those who meet at Edinburgh, which he thinks may be as dangerous as those, and therefore moves that they be all considered together. [*I.* 138, *pp.* 62–64.]

April 8. Order in the Committee for Trade and Foreign Affairs, on the petition and remonstrance of several Spaniards—claiming tobacco in the Samson, Salvador, and George, now in the Thames,—that Thurloe confer with Drs. Walker and Clerke and others, inquire into the state of their case, and what should be done thereon, and report. [*I.* 133, *p.* 26.]

April 8. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Morley to present to Parliament the petition of Richard Major, Thomas Hudson, Miles Fleetwood, and Mr. Whitelock, for a lease of the gold and silver mines in Ireland, as being a business of public concern.

2. The business of the Marquis of Argyle moved this morning to be considered this afternoon, with the business of the Commander-in-Chief for Scotland.

3. Sir Hen. Mildmay to report to Parliament the great danger by continued intelligence given to the Dutch by the enemies of this commonwealth, and to request them to provide a speedy remedy for prevention of such inconveniences as have already happened.

4. Copies of the letters from Tynemouth and other places on the coast, giving intelligence of the fleet, to be sent to the commanders at Chatham.

5. The remonstrance to the Hamburg agent about the taking in the Elbe of a ship belonging to the English [Merchant] Adventurers' Company approved, and to be sent him by Fleming.

6. An instruction to be sent to the English Resident at Hamburg to demand satisfaction from the senate for the said ship.

7. The account returned from the auditors of imprest about Wm. Pym to be sent to the Navy Commissioners, who are to direct the navy treasurer to pay the sum due to Pym. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **56.**]

8. The Lord General to be requested to send to the ships in the river, whereof a list is sent him, 500 land soldiers, 300 out of his own regiment, and 200 out of Col. Barkstead's. Also to order his

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officers to confer with the Navy Commissioners about boats, &c. for carrying them down. The officers that conduct them to have a copy of the list, in order to their distribution to the several ships. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **57.**]

9. The Navy Commissioners to provide boats, &c. for the carriage of 500 soldiers to the fleet, giving directions for its management after conference with the officers, and a list of the ships to be sent them. With list of 11 ships in the Hope, and 10 between Woolwich and the Hope, and note of the proportions in which the soldiers are to be distributed in them. [*Also Vol. XXXV., Nos.* **58–60.**]

10. Order that as the said ships are to go to sea at once, the captains and commanders repair on board with speed, give constant attendance, keep their officers and men on board, and use all diligence to get their ships ready for sea; Mr. Coytmor to see that this order is executed. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **61.**]

11. To recommend to the Admiralty Commissioners to remove such commanders of the ships mentioned in a list now read as neglect their duty, or are unfit for their charge, and to appoint others in their room. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **62.**]

12. The disposal of the ships designed for the Straits to be considered on Wednesday.

13. Council to meet to-morrow at 5 p.m., and all members in town to attend.

14. A license to be granted, at request of M. de Bordeaux, for 2 frigates of Calais to come to Dover, to convoy the 30 horses which M. de Bordeaux transports to France by license of Parliament, for the service of the King of France.

15. Order on petition of Helena Marsh for some Dutch prisoner to be exchanged for her husband, Capt. Step. Marsh, commander of the Levant Merchant, taken in the late fight with the Dutch in the Mediterranean, that the Admiralty Committee liberate any prisoner whom she shall nominate. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **63.**]

16. The petition of Lieut.-Gen. David Leslie, prisoner in the Tower, to be read when the Lord General is present, or Col. Ingoldsby to speak with him concerning granting him the liberty of the city and 10 miles round, with leave to repair to Tunbridge Wells, on good security.

17. Dr. Walker to certify why Capt. Chas. Saltonstall has not had his trial as directed, whereupon Council will consider his petition.

20. Thos. Lindsey, minister, to have liberty to return to his own country (Scotland), rendering himself on arrival to the Commander-in-Chief there, and engaging to do nothing prejudicial.

21. The petition of Thos. Warren, Thos. Wood, and Hen. Dunster for protection for 16 seamen, to be considered this day week.

22. Phil. Allen, Phil. Francis (?), and Geo. Day to prove in the Admiralty their losses sustained by the Portuguese.

26. The despatch to Vice-Admiral Penn to be sent to Southwold Bay by one messenger, and to Yarmouth by another, with instructions

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to inquire for the fleet on the coast as they ride; and also by a ketch down the river, and so coasting it till he overtakes the fleet. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 66–73.]

April 8. Whitehall.

64. Council of State to the Generals of the fleet. Last night we sent you the intelligence we had received concerning the collier fleet, and what direction we had given thereupon. Since then, Sir Hen. Vane, and the gentlemen sent from Council to Gravesend, have returned, and acquainted us with the orders sent by them to the Vice-Admiral, in pursuance of the instructions given by us.

We also received letters from the Vice-Admiral and Capt. Motham, and have given the Vice-Admiral some directions, of which you will also receive copies herewith, and have despatched a messenger to Capt. Motham to give him notice hereof. You are to use all possible means to bring that part of the fleet with you to sea, to answer all emergencies. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

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65. Council of State to Capt. Motham. We received yours from Scarborough, signifying your being with the collier fleet there, and thereupon sent the enclosed orders to Vice-Admiral Penn. You are therefore to correspond with him in his coming to you, that he may know your condition, and meantime take the best care you can for the security of yourself and the fleet. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

April 8. The Bear, Scarborough Road.

66. Robt. Woodward to the Navy Commissioners. A fleet of 20 sail has been seen off Flamborough Head, ships of great force, some having two or three tiers of ordnance, and supposed to be De Witt's; the colliers under convoy were ordered into Scarborough, and the Governor has planted guns on the pier-head, and six more southward for protection. Yesterday morning they tried to come up with us, but came not within shot, the wind being off-shore, but anchored off our gauge. We sent out cobbles for discovery, fearing their boats and fire-ships. This morning they stood in again, the Admiral with a blue ancient, and the next with an orange. When within shot, he fired a broadside, as did the rest of the fleet, and firing was kept up by them and us for two hours, and then they drove off to sea, but we received no loss; they are still waiting for our coming out. We are in a dangerous place if the wind come out from the sea. Our Admiral intends to remain in until further assistance arrives. [1½ *pages.*]

April 8. The Violet, Scarborough Road.

67. Capt. Peter Motham and Hen. Southwood to Robt. Blackborne. To like effect. The Governor, bailiffs, and others have been very officious. The enemy are now four leagues E.S.E. We should have been in great hazard if the wind had not been off-shore. We have had no rest day or night since we came into the road. [1 *page.*]

April 8. The Bear, Scarborough Road.

68. Capt. Peter Motham to the Admiralty Committee. To similar effect. The enemy are now five miles off. We have not seen again the 25 sail named in our last. [1 *page.*]

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69. Major N. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. I left the Vice-Admiral at anchor off the North Foreland with his squadron, whence he intends for Sould Bay. I am hastening to Gravesend, but am delayed through illness. I have sent the packets to the Vice-Admiral, and an account of my proceedings, and the condition of the squadron to the Navy Commissioners. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 8. Navy Office.

70. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners, Gravesend. We will hasten down the colours and other things demanded by you and Major Bourne, and will freight a ship to attend the fleet with them. [1 *page.*]

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71. Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monk to Capt. Edw. Blagg of the Marmaduke. We understand there are several ships in St. Malo laden with cloth and other commodities, bound for this place, and other ports to the westward, but they dare not venture out for fear of being surprised by the enemies; you are therefore, in company with Capt. Wm. Pile of the Ann and Joyce, whom we have appointed to follow your orders, to sail to Cape Frehel, or as near to the port of St. Malo as you can; and when there, to send a messenger overland or otherwise, to give notice to all the English ships in that port that you are come to be their convoy for England, and that so many of them as are or can be ready in 24 hours after notice given them are to repair to you, and then you are to set sail for England, and see the ships or other vessels under your convoy to their respective ports, not being further westward than Dartmouth, nor eastward of this place [Portsmouth]; and when done, you are to hasten hither for further orders. [*Copy,* $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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72. Like warrant, *mutatis mutandis,* to Capt. Wm. Pile. [*Copy,* $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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1. On conference concerning commissions of judicatories in Scotland, the deputies move that Scotland may be ruled according to its own laws, until a known law be established for governing Scotland and England united into one commonwealth.

2. They press that their former court or college of sessions, consisting of a president and 14 ordinary judges, may be revived, and "that the commissions for administration of justice may not be left to men's private judgments, by the generals of equity and good conscience."

3. That the said court may regulate the fees of that and all inferior courts.

4. That the records and registries of Scotland may be returned to Scotland.

5. They beg that they may be advised with before any judges are established in any court in Scotland, and that the Act of the Parliament of Scotland made in the late King's reign, whereby he was to

appoint no judges in Scotland but by advice of the Parliament of Scotland, may be consulted.

6. They offer to debate on the rest of the judicatories of Scotland, when the Committee shall appoint.

7. The debate adjourned till Friday, and the deputies withdrew.* [*I.* 133, *pp.* 64, 65.]

April 8. Excise Office. London.

73. Thos. Bulstrode and three others to the Commissioners for Excise. We have contracted with Thos. Calverd and Joseph Ridgeway for the farm of the excise in cos. Cambridge and Hunts for half a year, commencing 25 March next, at the rent of 3,000*l.*, and conceive the same to be a considerable advance. Noted as agreed. [½ *page.*]

April 8. Excise Office.

74. Thos. Bulstrode and three others to the Excise Commissioners. Samuel Selwood and Barth. Helby, two of the present farmers for co. Essex, having given in a proposal for the excise for half a year, commencing 25 March last, at the rent of 3,405*l.*, and John Fenning and others, on behalf of the county, having bid 3,000*l.* only, from which also they have receded, we have accepted the former offer, and desire your allowance. Noted as agreed. [¾ *page.*]

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75. Thos. Bulstrode and three others to the Excise Committee Thos. Maurice and Wm. Dodson, recommended by the county of Norfolk, have presented proposals for the farm of the excise in the city of Norwich and in Norfolk, with the hundred of Lovingland and the suburbs of Thetford, co. Suffolk, for a quarter of a year, commencing June 24 next (at which time the present farm expires), at 2,000*l.*, which, though it be less than was given for the former year, yet considering the decay of trade in those parts, occasioned by the war with Holland, with the loss already sustained by the former farmers upon that account, we have thought fit to accept, and have contracted with them accordingly, and transmit it to you for allowance. Noted as agreed. [½ *page.*]

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1. Mr. Thurloe to peruse the Council books, to see whether on Feb. 23, 1653 a warrant was granted to Rich. Fitzgerald for transporting hides.

2. The petition of several merchants, owners, and undertakers for transport of Irish soldiers to Spain, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

5. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Portugal Ambassador at his house on Monday, at 10 a.m. Fleming to give him notice. [*I.* 41, *p.* 74.]

April 9. Portsmouth.

76. Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Commissioners. We received yours of the 6th with the letter from Capt. Clarke, Cornet Castle; there are stories enough of that nature.

* The journal of this Committee, which fills only half the book, terminates here.—ED.

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We before intended to fetch those vessels from St. Malo, and have appointed the Marmaduke and Ann Joyce for that service.

You write us that you have left the payment of tickets to the discretion of the Navy Commissioners here, yet they consider that your orders wholly restrain them, and the treasurer's agent here says he has orders from the treasurer not to pay seamen's tickets. We wish you would be clear as to what you intend. We desire that 600 other soldiers may be appointed to supply the fleet, if Col. Ingoldsby's have gone on board Vice-Admiral Penn's fleet; we shall be ready to take them as fast as they can be sent. We hear nothing of the seamen from the west, and although we have taken from three to six men out of each ship, the Resolution has not 120. We received yesterday the Council of State's letter that De Witt is out, and are setting out the fleet with all speed.

P.S.—We are importuned for the release of Capt. Seaman and other officers, who are prisoners in the Straits, and whose ship was honourably lost. Let some course be taken for their release, which would encourage others to risk their lives and liberty for the service. [2 *pages.*]

April 9. South Shields, near Tynemouth Castle.

77. Major Jer. Tolhurst to the Admiralty Committee. I hear that the 400 ships that sailed from hence to Sunderland have put into Scarborough, on account of 19 sail of the enemy being near them, if not engaged with them; they probably have a greater strength near. There are still above 160 sail here ready laden, and I hope they will not be permitted to sail until a sufficient convoy is sent. Capt. Wyers is also here with 17 sail bound for Scotland, but dares not sail until he has more assistance, as there are 13 sail of the enemy waiting for him. Capt. Hosier has put his powder into Scarborough Castle. [1 *page.*]

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78. Isaac Birkenhead to Thos. Scott. Observing the scarcity of seamen, I acquaint you that at every herring fishing in the Isle of Man which happens once every summer, the natives employ 400 boats, with from five to seven men in each, all made seamen, and if order was granted to press one man out of each boat, the State might be furnished with 400 seamen. If a fit person were commissioned thereto, 700 more might be had from Chester, Liverpool, Wayere, and along the coasts of Lancashire and Cumberland, in seven weeks. Pray remember the Jesuit's warrant. [1 *page.*]

April 9. Midnight, The James, Sole Bay.

79. Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn to the Admiralty Committee. I received yours and the Council of State's orders to hasten with the fleet to Scarborough Bay, for securing the fleet of colliers, and will take them to their ports. I have received the soldiers from Dover. The scouts have not returned from sea, and the Rear-Admiral has not arrived, but I shall not wait for him, and will send account of proceedings. [1 *page.*]

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April 10. 10 a.m., The James, Sole Bay.

80. Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn to the Admiralty Committee. In pursuance of yours and the Council of State's order, by break of day we got under sail, and met the Rear-Admiral with the Greyhound, three fire-ships, and two victuallers, but could not see them last night, it being hazy. The Heartsease has not arrived or been seen. I have written the bailiffs of Aldborough to give her or any other ship notice of our motion northwards. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 11. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Strickland to represent to Council that Viscount Lisle informed this Committee that he judged Benj. Worseley, secretary to the Commissioners for Ireland, fit to be secretary to his embassy in Sweden, and wrote him to come over, which, with the Commissioners' leave, he has done. Lisle desires Council's approval of him, and their letter to Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood and the Commissioners in Ireland, signifying that he is employed in the public service, and requesting that his absence may not prejudice his concerns in Ireland.

3. The petition of Rich. Nescombe, John White, and others referred to Dr. Walker, to certify whether there be good ground for a demand. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 28, 29.]

[April 11.] **81.** Petition of Serjt. Taylor and several other soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment to the Council of State, for relief. Have been in the regiment many years, and on 12th Feb. last, were sent on board the Prosperous, by order of General Blake; the ship was taken by the Dutch in the late fight, and petitioners, being mostly wounded, were taken prisoners, stripped to their shirts, and carried to Holland, and had no allowance to subsist upon, or to transport themselves back to England; and since their arrival here have had no compensation either for their services or sufferings. [1 *page.*]

April 11. **82.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Also I.* 41, *p.* 80.]

April 11. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order that Alexander, Earl of Kellie, have the liberty of London, and 10 miles about, on security in 5,000*l.* and two sureties 2,500*l*, each to render himself within 24 hours' notice, and to do nothing prejudicial. The Lieutenant of the Tower to take the security.

2. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to hasten their report in reference to the Resident of Hamburg, and to make it on Wednesday.

3. To write to the bailiffs of Scarborough and their brethren, thanking them for their readiness in securing the collier fleet lately put in there.

4. To write to Lieut.-Col. Edw. Salmon, and desire him to take a view of the road, and see whether a platform may be erected for its defence; and if so, to send an estimate of the cost, and the number of guns necessary.

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5. To stop the disgarrisoning of Stafford until further order.

6. To write to the Mayor and magistrates of Stafford to stop the persons employed in disgarrisoning the town, by order of Council, and to secure the records in the store house, the usual place for that purpose, till further order.

7. The Irish and Scotch Committee to look back in their proceedings for the disgarrisoning of Stafford, and give an account on Thursday of the business, and to whom it was entrusted.

8. Lord Chief Justices Rolle and St. John, the Lord General, Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Say, Mr. Love, the Attorney-General, and Sir Henry Vane to be a Committee to consider the paper and printed book sent to the Lord General from Scotland, and report.

9. The Attorney-General to speak with Major Hurst concerning the information given to Col. Morley, and if it be anything considerable, to acquaint Council therewith.

10. Ald. Allein and Mr. Love to confer with the Committee for Whitehall how the inconvenience arising from the commonness of the keys may be prevented, and report expedients. Also to confer concerning altering the portal in the Council Chamber.

11. To write to Vice-Admiral Penn to consider if he can give convoy to the rest of the collier fleet at Newcastle and Sunderland, and if so to give orders accordingly.

12. To write to the Mayor of Newcastle to thank him for his care of the collier fleet, and to acquaint him with the orders given to Vice-Admiral Penn concerning convoying the remaining ships.

13. The business of Scotland to be considered first thing next Wednesnay afternoon, and the business of the Isle of Man next.

14. Geo. Mowle, prisoner in Chelsea College, to be discharged, on producing a certificate under the hand and seal of any two justices of the peace at Westminster, of taking the engagement to Mr. Thurloe.

15. To write to the Generals of the fleet noticing theirs of the 9th instant, and desiring them to send an account of the ships at Portsmouth appointed for the summer guard, and when they will be ready respectively; to acquaint them with the intelligence of the forwardness of the enemy in Holland, and to desire them not to be backward.

16. John Davis to be discharged from further attendance in the matter lately brought against him. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **83.**]

17. To write to the sheriff of Carmarthen to set at liberty Charles Floyd, to come to London in order to his going beyond seas, according to the Act of Parliament banishing all priests and Jesuits, and that he appear before Council within 14 days after his release. A warrant to that purpose to be sent down to the sheriff.

18. The petition of Col. Wm. Bourke referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 75–80.]

April 11.
Portsmouth.

84. Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Committee. The seamen are discontented about their tickets, merchantmen declare they cannot proceed without their imprest

money, having run into debt by fitting out, and we are continually pressed by the Council of State to hasten them out, and it is thought our fault that we are not already at sea. It is not for us to dispute whether tickets should be paid here, as you know best, but unless some step be taken, affairs here will suffer, and our burden will be too great for us to bear.

If Penn has gone northward, it will be advantageous if the Navy Commissioners stay here another week. If we have obstructions now, it will be worse when there is not a quorum here.

The Commissioners say the victuallers cannot comply with you in this port, either as to quantity or time. One of them should be sent down here. There is no money for the mariners in lieu of fish, which breeds discontent, and it will be well to speak to the victuallers about it. Have you spoken to Capt. Proud, and what do you intend to do about Capt. Bourne? [1¾ *pages.*]

April 11. Yarmouth. **85.** Robt. Harmer and Jno. Arnot, bailiffs, to the Admiralty Committee. As ordered in yours of the 9th, we gave Roger Read notice of the fleet under Vice-Admiral Penn, which was in sight bound northward, and sent him in a ferry boat aboard of a galley bound to the fleet. The collier fleet was safe at Scarborough last Friday, and the same day De Witt, with 18 sail and two hoys, came into that bay, with the flags of Admiral and Vice and Rear-Admiral, which caused the small colliers to get into the pier, the bigger ships as near the shore as they could, and the nine men-of-war beyond them. The enemy came in as near as they dared, and fired upon them, and then stood E.S.E., and are supposed to be still in the offing and waiting for the fleet. The colliers dare not stir until further assistance comes.

P.S.—David King came from the coal fleet last night, and says they are all safe, but dare not come out. [¾ *page.*]

April 11. Gravesend. **86.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I went on board several ships on my way down, and found them very much out of order, through the want of officers, men, guns, and stores. I have been to Tilbury Hope and disposed of the 100 soldiers sent down to-day. The Hamburg Merchant is there, and wants a commander and stores. This business is so full of rubs and knots that I have my head and hands full. [1 *page.*]

April 11. 11 p.m., Gravesend. **87.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. The Hamburg Merchant wants powder, and other ships require hammocks. The soldiers also require rugs. I will look for men in the merchant ships coming up, and only leave sufficient to work them up, although it is robbing Peter to pay Paul. [1 *page.*]

April 12. 10 a.m. Gravesend. **88.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am going again to the Hope, and then to the Lee Road, but business is much obstructed by the neglect of the owners of the merchant ships in supplying petty stores; the taking up of the seamen from ships, and disposing of them to others, much disquiets them, but I am deaf to all such complaints. Many commanders want their commissions.

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What has been resolved respecting lieutenants and masters? Several are wanting, and some on board have no warrants; the 400 men sent before I came down are unequally placed. I was forced by hard wind to put the 100 soldiers that came yesterday on board two ships, and they want beds or rugs.

The ships that came as convoy with the prizes are stripped of their men, as are the prizes, but I have ordered sufficient to be left on the men-of-war to bring them up the river to be discharged, or they would be a charge. [1 *page.*]

April 13. COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Day's Proceedings.

1. The commission now read for Mr. Rigby to be presented to Council.

3. Order on the petition of several merchants, owners, and undertakers for transport of Irish soldiers to Spain, complaining of injuries received in Spain, that Thurloe take care that it be considered when there shall be opportunity.

4. Order that Jas. Gayer, merchant of Weymouth, owner of the Joan of Weymouth, and John Levering and Lawrence Wheeler, of Dartmouth, owners of the Adventure of Dartmouth, prove the cases laid down in their petition in the Admiralty Court, that they may be ripe for consideration.

5. Order on the petition of John Browne that he be left to justice in the Admiralty Court.

6. To signify to the Admiralty Judges that notwithstanding the proceedings in Council relating to Capt. Ware, they are to proceed in the case in their court between him and Simon de Caseres, and the Serjeant-at-arms is to be called upon for a return of the warrant for Ware's apprehension.

8. Thurloe to look over the petition of Major Thos. Salmon, and the Navigation Act, and the orders made thereon, and report to this Committee.

9, 12. Dr. Walker and Mr. Corbett to attend on Friday next. [*I.* 133, *pp.* 29–32.]

April 13. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Louis Parent referred to the Admiralty Committee, who are to examine this and other business depending before them, and report with speed.

2. The petition of Rob. White for a privateer's commission to be considered this day fortnight.

4. The Commissioners appointed for M. de Bordeaux to meet him at his desire on Friday at 9 a.m. in the usual place, Fleming to give him notice.

5. A copy of Vice-Admiral Penn's letter of the 11th, from Winterton, to be sent to the Generals of the fleet, to use as they think fit.

6. The report in Sir Jas. Harrington's hands about the Mint to be made on Thursday.

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7. The Admiralty Commissioners to discharge the ships John, Cullen, Charles, and six others from the service. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **89.**]

8, 9. Cornelis Arian de Crookes, captain of the Ostrich and Vice-Admiral of the Dutch fleet, taken in the last fight, to be sent to the Fleet prison, and the keeper to have a warrant; 10*s.* a week to be allowed him, to be paid by the Commissioners of Dutch Prizes.

10. The Admiralty Commissioners to see the ships appointed for the Straits victualled as if they were to be employed here in the fleet. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **90.**]

11. The Admiralty Commissioners to employ the two Scots mentioned by Col. Thompson, or if they see reason to commit them, to report it. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **91.**]

12. The petition of George Serle, jun., and Co., referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

13. The paper sent in by the Swedish commissary referred to the said Committee, who are to consider of it on Friday morning, and report in the afternoon.

14. Sir Art. Hesilrigge and Sir Wm. Brereton to go from Council to Lord Fairfax, and acquaint him with the representation made of the present condition of the Isle of Man, in the papers to be given them, and having conferred with him thereon, to report this day week.

15. The Commissioners appointed to treat with the French agent to meet the Swedish public minister on Friday at 4 p.m. at Whitehall, Fleming giving him notice. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 81–84.]

April 13.
Gravesend.

92. Major N. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. I am almost jaded with my employment, having a crew that will neither lead or drive. The officers of most of the ships are absent, or I would do my best to form them into a better model, but when on board the London in Lee Road, I will do my best. I shall not give offence, neither am I ambitious of a shadowy honour, but something by way of distinction aboard would give some countenance and quicken the work. I ask it for the sake of the service, for I am past such toys as to be tickled with a feather. [1 *page.*]

April 13.
10 a.m.,
Gravesend.

93. Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have been on board the London in the Lee Road yesterday, and took account of her and seven others there, who are all two-third parts manned, and those in Tilbury Hope about the same, but some want commanders. I met last night 50 men from London chiefly belonging to these ships, but I disposed of them where most needed. I shall try to draw the ships together to Lee Road, and as I expect to meet with the coal fleet daily, I will man them out of that. Pray send me a list of the lieutenants appointed. I have desired Capt. Wildey to go up the river and hasten down the other ships, and then I hope to bring my work to an end. A person of authority is required at Lee, or they will not dream of going to sea I know not when. [1 *page.*]

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April 13. 11 a.m., Gravesend.

94. Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. I want the list of the officers appointed to the 40 merchant ships, also some hammocks and some money for sick men; half of it should be laid out in necessaries for them, and the other half given to some trusty person in the fleet, to be issued as required, as it will be dangerous to trust it with clerks of the check or stewards, unless known. Details of ships,—"Pray hasten down all officers that belong to this indigested body," also guns and stores from the Tower. I am going to Lee Road, and wish all the other ships were down, that I might hasten my business. Pray acquaint my wife that I am well. [1 *page.*]

April 13. 11 p.m., Gravesend.

95. Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have been to the Hope and send account of the ships. John Driver, lieutenant of the Hamburg Merchant, has taken much pains in fitting her out, but if he is not to be continued, I recommend John Rose who served with me last year as master's mate. A man from Newcastle reports that 18 Dutch men-of-war stood in towards the collier fleet at Scarborough last Friday, and fired 20 guns and then sailed E.S.E., and have not been seen since. The man saw our fleet at the back of Yarmouth sands last Monday, steering northward, the wind being W.N.W.

Many of the men on board the ships are very unserviceable, housekeepers and landsmen, never at sea before, and merely a burden to the service; I think such should be dismissed.

The owners of the merchant ships are so backward in supplying their ships with stores that it perplexes the new commanders, and obstructs the service. I have sent the demands of several officers to the Navy Commissioners. I am going to Lee Road to-morrow, and shall do my best to compose affairs there. [1 *page.*]

April 13. 11 p.m., Gravesend.

96. Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. Being stayed by the wind, I send an account of ships in the Hope, also the demands of several of the officers. Several surgeons and other officers are wanted, also Geo. Dennis, commander of the Dragoneer, who lives at Horseydown. The soldiers much complain for want of hammocks, which may be sent to the captain of the London, who would distribute them. I will go to Lee Road to-morrow to complete these ships, and hope to meet the collier fleet which was at Scarborough last Friday, and the Dutch fleet of 18 sail within shot of them. [1 *page.*]

April 13. Ipswich.

97. Nath. Bacon to Sir H. Vane, junr. I have observed since I came down here that many of the seamen who are inhabitants of the town hereabouts take to the plough and spade, to avoid coming into sea service, and to escape the impress; the commissions that have come down do not enable those who have power in the country, and so a great number of seamen escape, and the country people complain that their work is taken from them. The Londoners come thus far to buy coals by the way from Newcastle, and so forestall this town. This may enhance the price in London, and burden the poor there. [1 *page.*]

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April 13. The Magdalen, Grimsby Road. **98.** Capt. Jno. Hosier to the Admiralty Committee. Capt. Motham has written you that on account of the straitness, both by the enemy and the shore, it was thought best for security of the powder to land 230 barrels, and place it in the custody of the lieutenant of the castle and bailiff of the town (Scarborough); I enclose their receipt. I have kept 20 barrels on board, and furnished several masters of Ipswich, and two barrels to David Bellford of Lynn, for some guns he has planted on shore, for the better security of the fleet. I intended to take in the powder, but was prevented by weather. We were forced out to sea by weather on the 11th, and next day part of the collier fleet put in here, and part went on. Shall I return and take out the powder, or come home, as my time ends to-morrow? If I return, others should join me in respect of the charge and danger. [1 *page. With shorthand order of reply.*]

April 13. Portsmouth. **99.** Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We are glad to hear you have put things in such good posture. The Rainbow and Triumph are out, and the Victory's mainmast will be fitted to-morrow. The commanders here cannot get seamen enough. We wish the victualling ships had arrived, or we may be lamed in that particular. The Commissioners leave us to-morrow, as your necessity is so great. Two provision ships with a convoy came into the road this evening. The Kent and Sussex have returned from a cruise in the Channel, having both spent their foretopmasts. [1 *page.*]

April 13. **100.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners, at request of the Generals of the fleet, order chests of medicaments and surgery to be put aboard the admiral, as a magazine for the whole fleet, according to an invoice from Dr. Whistler, value not to exceed 60*l.* [¾ *page.*]

April 14. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Committee for the Portuguese Ambassador to meet him to-morrow at 5 p.m. Fleming to give him notice.

6. Order on petition of Capt. Ralph Nicolls, that Council can give no direction in the matter.

8. Lieut. John Mackenzie, prisoner in Chelsea College, to be set at liberty, on security to the Marshall General to act nothing prejudicial to the State, and to appear upon summons.

9. Geo. Freebairne, Scotchman, to be dismissed from imprisonment, he engaging to give himself up again when required.

10. The report from the Admiralty Committee in the case of Peter Biglestone re-committed to them, to examine to what captains be delivered the wheat as alleged, and whether it was used for the service, and to report.

11. The report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, concerning 25,000*l.* to be furnished for Council's contingencies, re-committed to them, to confer with the Admiralty Committee, and the Public Treasury Commissioners, and to see Mr. Jackson's account of moneys received

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weekly, in order to be satisfied of the amount growing which may be applied thereto, and to report.

12. The Lord General to be desired to give a commission to Major-Gen. Lambert, to command in Scotland under his Lordship for six months.

13. To write to Capt. Drue, commander of the Lucy, now at Liverpool, to convoy vessels laden with provisions for the fleet to the ports whither they are assigned. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 48–87.]

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7 a.m.
Gravesend.

101. Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I will deliver the commissions to the respective captains. I am going to Lee Road, and will send an account of the ships there, and do my best to forward the service. I cannot get intelligence, not having one ketch. I shall order some of the nimblest vessels and the best fitted to fall down lower upon your intelligence, but I think those 18 [Dutch] sail have got home. I have directed your messenger to hasten the ships down on his way home. I could serve better if I had the present command of these ships, till they come to a better hand. [1 *page.*]

April 14.
1 p.m.
Hamburg Merchant, four miles off Lee Road.

102. Major N.Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I hear the fleet of colliers from Scarborough are near Orfordness, and expect them up this tide, but cannot hear anything of the Vice-Admiral's fleet. Instruct Capt. Wildey and others to look out and take what ships escape us, the wind being fresh at N.N.E. [1 *page.*]

April 14.
5 p.m.
The London, Lee Road.

103. Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. At 2 p.m. the whole fleet from Newcastle were within two leagues from here; on my arrival, I ordered the Merchants' Adventure and the Industry to meet them, and take out as many men as they could for the fleet; when they came up, some being very angry and impatient of delay, I caused most of them to come to anchor, to have a full search of them; but I was forced to spend 40 or 50 shot, and strike some of their sails before I could make them stay, and we are now digging for them where they have burrowed themselves. There are only 80 ships, and I pass by the smaller ones, that the ships above us, who have orders to stop them, may have some work; 140 have put into the Humber, but the wind will bring them to-morrow. I am armed against all complaints and clamours, the necessity of affairs calling for it. The convoy is behind with the other fleets. [1 *page.*]

April 14.
Yarmouth.

104. Wm. Greenwood, clerk of the check, to the Committee for Navy and Customs. Capt. Cracknell and Capt. Roberts have sailed with a fleet to the northward; yesterday a fleet of colliers arrived, with 10 men-of-war to convoy them and others to Scarborough, but discovering 18 Holland men-of-war and two galliots, thought it safest to put in here; the 10 men-of-war are said to be now in the Humber. [½ *page.*]

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105. J. Cruso, deputy clerk of the check, to the Committee for Navy and Customs. The remaining part of the colliers and men-of-war have safely arrived in this road. [½ *page.*]

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April 15. Order in the Committee for Trade and Foreign Affairs, to move Council that the 3,000*l.* to be paid beyond seas to Viscount Lisle may be ascertained in point of credit, and that the providing of shipping, and what else relates to his despatch be quickened. [*I.* 133, *p.* 33.]

April 15. **106.** Petition of Rich. Gwyn, Thos. Allen, and Thos. Keatly, prisoners in Newgate, to the Council of State, for discharge. Acknowledge their imprisonment to be just, for running into their displeasure, and for the future will submit to the present Government. Pray for mercy in consideration of their and their families' starving condition, and will then lay down their lives in the service, and give security therefor. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [1 *page.*]

April 15. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on the petition of Thos. Dethick, that Council can give no direction, but leaves him to his course at law.

1*a.* The petition of merchants trading for France referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

2. Sir James Harrington and Sir Henry Mildmay to be a Committee to consider the petition of Aquila Wykes, keeper of the Gatehouse prison, for satisfaction for the maintenance of certain prisoners committed by order of Council, to examine his accounts, and report.

3. The paper this day received from the Swedish agent to be considered on Monday.

4. The Irish and Scotch Committee to examine the receipts of the fee-farm rents, or the sale of them at Drury House, to see if some of the money may not be applied to the use of Council's contingencies, and report.

5. Sir Hen. Mildmay to present to Parliament the draft of the letter prepared for the city of Emden.

6. Order on petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the borough of Lynn,—desiring that the Blockhouse there at Douce Hills be not demolished,—that direction be given to let it remain as it is till further order; and to write to Col. Wauton that he send his opinion to Council thereon.

7. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider of executing the order of Parliament for dismantling Bristol Castle, and to confer with the Lord General and Mr. Aldworth, and report.

8. Sir James Harrington to present to Parliament the proposition by Peter Blondeau on the one part, and of the moneyers of the Mint on the other, concerning coining money a different way, in order to secure the coin from being counterfeited or clipped. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **107.**]

9. The Admiralty Committee to take care that the Dutch prisoners lately taken and disabled from service be sent home, and to give order for a vessel to be prepared to convey them to Holland. Also that such captains as are prisoners be speedily sent to London. [*Also Vol. XXXV., No.* **108.**]

10. Fifty of the Dutch prisoners at Southampton to be removed to Marlborough, and 50 more to Devizes.

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11. The Ordnance Committee to meet to-morrow, and to take care that the powder mills do not stand still for want of saltpetre, powder being so much wanted.

12. To write to the Sheriff of Somersetshire that Wm. Balthazar, a notorious pirate, has been taken, and is at present in the county gaol, and to desire him to take special care for his safe keeping.

13. To write to the Governor of Tynemouth Castle to take Robt. Cutforth's bond to appear before Council at a certain time, and to send to Council the examinations concerning his miscarriage, taken upon oath before the Mayor of Newcastle or some other justice of the peace.

14. Geo. Ogleby, Patrick Douglas, and Abr. Wikchard, lately taken prisoners among the Dutch, to be discharged, on taking the engagement, and passing parole never to engage against the commonwealth. [*I.* 41, *pp.* 87–90.]

April 15.
Whitehall.

109. Council of State to Thos. Skelton, Minehead. Thanks for your good service in apprehending and taking the examination of Capt. Wm. Balthazar, a pirate, which we shall further notice as opportunity shall offer. Send up the bill of exchange, letters of advice, and other writings found upon him, and his further examination. A speedy course will be taken to bring him to trial, and we have written the sheriff to keep him in safe custody. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 15.
Plymouth.

110. Rich. Mill to the Admiralty Committee. I summoned two hundreds in Cornwall and one in Devon, and found the Mayor of Plymouth very willing to assist, but the justices were quite the opposite; only Col. Rouse sat with me one day. I hope you will let the justices of Cornwall know that you are sensible of their neglect, which much hindered the appearance of men, and obliged me to attend 14 constables, and travel 10 miles further. Either give me full power to act of myself, or call me back again. I expect 100 men on Monday and Tuesday at Plymouth. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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Plymouth.

111. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Navy Commissioners. In my last I told you we hoped to procure seamen and fishermen, and asked you to order the Generals at sea to send some ships to take in the seamen impressed, or the charge will be very great in diet. Mr. Mill gives them tickets to come to me, and if I give them conduct money to Portsmouth, half of them will be lost. If you hear of no shipping coming westward, pray entreat it from them. Terne and Odwey are impressing 100 men about Fowey that had been in privateers, and now lie idle. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

April 15.
Plymouth.

112. H. Terne and Arth. Odwey to the Navy Commissioners. We have used our best endeavours for impressing mariners in Devon, but they have not exceeded 200; we hope most of them have arrived at Portsmouth. The seaport towns have been drained by preceding presses, and many absented themselves and failed to appear according to warrant. The remissness of the constables not a little prejudices the business; instead of executing the warrants, they give seamen notice to escape. The justices say they cannot remedy this, unless Parliament gave them power to take oaths and punish neglect. We

found our orders for impressing mariners under the new Act with Capt. Hatsell at Plymouth, and will put them in execution on the north side of Devonshire, about Bideford, Appledore, and Combe, where he assures us there are many seamen. [1¾ *pages.*]

April 16. Portsmouth. **113.** Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We have sent up Capt. Jno. Taylor, and hope you will think of him for the command of a ship, and enable him to regain his lost reputation. [¾ *page.*]

April 16. Portsmouth. **114.** Gens. Deane and Monck to the Admiralty Committee. The Navy Commissioners left for London yesterday. We send a letter to the Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch forces in the Straits, for release of English prisoners, which is to be sent to Leghorn. Capts. Bourne and Taylor will attend you next week, also young Capt. Haddock for the command of one of the merchantmen, he having distinguished himself in the last engagement with the Dutch, and formerly served as captain. We will obey your orders about the ships for the Straits. We want an order to the Navy Commissioners to allow the mariners half fish and half money. As they have often been told of this, if they do not supply it, we hope offence will not be taken if we order beef instead. We enclose the state of the fleet, and a petition of the masters of the Dutch merchant ships, which we have had translated. [2 *pages.*]

April 16. **115.** Petition of William Coxon to the Admiralty Committee, for a command in a ship or frigate, having done faithful service in rescuing the Marmaduke from Prince Rupert's fleet. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

115. I. *Certificate of Wm. Greenehill and three others, that petitioner served seven years as mate with Andrew Rand and in other ships, and is fit for a master or commander's place.* —16 *April* 1653. [½ *page.*]

April 16. **116.** Petition of Hen. Helmeraw, Rich. Lewin, and Isaac Selby, fellmongers, to the Council for Trade, for leave to produce some wool-growers and clothiers to certify the necessity of the trade of fellmongers, and for aid in redress of abuses by unskilful and dishonest dealers. The said Council having made an order upon the petition of some clothiers of the new drapery in Essex against engrossing wools and other offences, as there is notice given to petitioners and others to attend this 16 April, they state that they always wished for a reformation of the abuses therein, that their trade is of ancient standing, and that they have served their time therein, and it has been customary for fellmongers to deal in sheepskins and wools, time out of mind, as they can prove if allowed. [1 *page.*]

April 16. **117.** Order by the Treasury Commissioners that Sir John Wollaston, and the Treasurers for sale of the Crown lands exempted from sale by a former Act, pay to Rich. Hutchinson 3,000*l.* on account for the navy. Receipted 20 April. [1⅓ *pages.*]

April 16. **118.** Like order to Sir John Wollaston and the Treasurers for sale of delinquents' estates, to pay to Hutchinson 5,000*l.* Receipted 20 April. [1⅓ *pages.*]

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April 16. The Recovery. **119.** Capt. Fras. Allen to the Admiralty Committee. On Friday, 25 March, Capt. Motham and I sailed from the Hope for Tynemouth Haven with the fleet, and arrived there the 31st; and on the 4th instant, set sail again with 300 colliers for the Thames, but hearing there were 40 sail of Hollanders out under De Witt, we put into Scarborough Road; on the 6th they appeared, 18 good ships and two galliots, and came within a league of us on the 7th; we prepared for a fight, and put guns on the pier-head and shore. We shot at them from ship and shore, and they fired 20 guns at us, but without effect; then they stood off and held a council of war, and four hours after, hauled their main tack aboard, and stood off, and we saw them no more. We set sail from Scarborough on the 11th, and arrived in the Humber next day with part of the fleet, 100 sail leaving for Lynn and Boston; on the 14th we sailed for the river, and met 40 of our men-of-war, stayed two hours with them, and then came through the roads after our fleet of colliers. We have had much trouble to keep the colliers' men from running away, and shot at six whom we saw running, on which they came in. We are continuing the press for the fleet. [1¼ *pages.*]

April 18. **120.** Order in the Council of State, that John Bourin be captain of the Unicorn, Peter Strong of the Swiftsure, Wm. Pestell of the Hamburg Merchant, and Thos. Cheney of the Culpepper; the Generals of the fleet to give them commissions.* [½ *page.*]

April 18. The Violet, Sole Bay. **121.** Capt. Joseph Whiting to the Navy Commissioners. We sailed from the Hope the 19th ult., with the convoys for Newcastle, and received the 300 laden fleet bound for London on the 4th inst., but being informed of a fleet of Flemings waiting our return, we put into Scarborough, not having sufficient strength to engage them. On the 8th, this fleet of 18 sail with two galliot hoys came within shot, but after an exchange of shots they left us. We hearing of the coming of Vice-Admiral Penn, set sail the 12th and put into the Humber, and sailed the 14th, and meeting with our fleet, were taken off from the convoy by the Vice-Admiral, and others were sent with the colliers. I send two muster books. We are in great want of necessaries for the sick and wounded. [1½ *pages.*]

April 18. 9 p.m., Lee. **122.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I mustered the men in each ship in the road, and will remain with the squadron until further orders, but little can be done at present, as 50 sail are gone for Harwich. I have no power to command the Unicorn hither, but will intimate your pleasure to Capt. Taylor and the master of attendance, and will go on board to-morrow, and dispose of the Scots as you direct. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

122. I. *List of* 19 *ships, with the number of men on each; also note that a good part of them are insufficient, and had better be discharged.* [1 *page.*]

* The Council of State order books from 16 to 28 April are missing, but a few original orders exist among the Admiralty papers.—ED.

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April 18. Whitehall. **123.** Admiralty Commissioners to Major Bourne. By Council's letter you will see their directions about the merchant ships, on the intelligence received this day from Vice-Admiral Penn, viz., that you carry those ships, with what supernumeraries you can, to Penn, and confer with him what part of his fleet should be sent to the Swinn or elsewhere to victual and refit, whilst by this additional strength he is made able to keep the sea. One of the victuallers is to repair to you, to consider on the place the state of the victualling of the ships left, and the providing for the others on their return. Speak to Penn about putting aboard the fleet or sending hither the 230 barrels of powder left at Scarborough [1 *page.*]

April 18. Whitehall. **124.** Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners. We send you an extract of a letter from Vice-Admiral Penn, and our letter to Major Bourne. Order one of the victuallers to hasten to him. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

124. I. *Vice-Admiral Penn to* [*the Admiralty Committee*]. *Account of damage to ships. Wants a bowsprit and four topmasts, &c.*—16 *April* 1653. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

April 18. Portsmouth. **125.** General Rich. Deane to Mr. Bacon. I am glad to hear the wounded are recovering, but sorry they carry themselves no better. We will think of Mr. Bryan, if he comes to us after his recovery. Present my service to Capt. Arthur, and his wife and sister. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

April 18. Portsmouth. **126.** Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We hear from some Emden ships brought in by our scouts that De Witt was riding four leagues from the Wellens, their rendezvous, last Friday, with 31 men-of-war, and that they had 20 sail gone northward to convoy some East Indiamen and other merchantmen that were to sail about Scotland; that they were then to attempt our collier fleet, and if they failed, to return to their general rendezvous with De Witt, and that they would make 80 sail altogether this week. If this is true, it will be necessary to send out some scouts, and to quickly man the fleet now fitting out at Portsmouth. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 18. Leghorn. **127.** Charles Longland to the Navy Committee. I have sent to Venice 160 of the mariners which the Dutch took and turned on shore, and gave them 12 days' pay, a pair of hose and shoes, and a shirt, and will give the same to those going for Messina. Not half of those sent to Venice went there, but to Genoa and other places, but I shall have a list of those who have given me the slip, and will forward it. Those of the Leopard may have the impudence to ask for their wages, and then you can deal with them as you see fit.

I will send an account of the disbursements for the sick and wounded; they cost half a piece of eight a day each, besides doctors, &c., but the sound men had 2 (?) a day for their diet and lodging. I have had much trouble with so many unreasonable men.

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When the Council of State and you first gave me commission to serve your ships, you ordered that I should take the bills of the Commanders-in-Chief for money and provisions supplied. This I have done, and given them accounts of disbursements made by their order and to their ships' use, yet I hear from a merchant in London that I stand debtor in your books for all those sums which Capts. Badiley or Appleton have drawn upon you; this must be a mistake, for their bills which I sent you speak plainly that they have received the balance of me, and therefore it is clear they ought to stand debtors for the money, until they give you an account thereof. What sums I draw on you in my own bills I send an account of, except those drawn for impress or advance money for the ships taken up for the service, which account cannot be perfected until Capt. Poole and Mr. Cartwright, who were sent to Venice by Capt. Badiley to hasten those ships away, return. Meantime I enclose an abstract, so that you may see I have disbursed more money than I have drawn upon you. I should never have consented to the extravagant sums paid the Northumberland and Freeman, but the necessity of the times then required their assistance; however, I hope they will do good service, being stout ships, good commanders, and well manned, and are now on their departure from Venice for Alicant, to join the fleet from England or obey such other orders as may be given them. [3 *pages; with copy of his letter of* 21 *March.*]

April 18. Leghorn. **128.** Charles Longland to Robt. Blackborne. I wrote a month since of the sad disaster befallen the State's ships in this port, and now see by your letter that the Lord has given a large reparation for those losses. I hope the wisdom of those great commanders will make the best use of this victory, and not suffer the enemy to roost, but seek him at his own doors. In my observation, there is more than 20 per cent. difference in the circumstance only of seeking the enemy, or being sought out by him; the woeful experience of the ships lately beseiged in this port has sufficiently demonstrated as much.

Your advice of a fleet coming into these seas has much rejoiced me, but when you hear of the late loss, and Capt. Badiley's retiring home, I do not what alteration it may make. Although the body of the work must be done at home, yet the traffic and honour of our nation consists in commanding these seas; and although the ships at Venice could not be got ready in time to assist us, yet I hope they will do good service in joining with the ships now coming out, for which purpose they are going for Alicant, to wait their coming thither.

I hope the State will think of some fit and able Commander-in-Chief, in whom they may confide, both for wisdom and valour, and give free commission to, so that he may proceed according to the urgency of present affairs. It will be very unwelcome news at home that our fleet should meet with a great advantage over our enemies, and forbear execution for strictness of commission, or some such nicety as not offending the port. The enemy, to our sorrow,

has never wanted a commission suitable to his advantage, without respect to this port or any other. Last night, at their instance, a small ship was searched at a late hour, by the Governor's orders, lest she were made a fire-ship to destroy the Dutch. You see what authority the prevailing power finds in this, and indeed in all other places, and therefore a free commission to the Commander-in-Chief is very requisite, that full advantage may be taken when an opportunity is proffered. You may remember in the late war that limited commissions found but poor effect.

Although we have had so great and clear a victory at home, yet in regard of our great loss and low condition here, none of the Italians will believe it, nor even the Great Duke. I have had no news of Capt. Badiley since he was off the Isles of Eris. I hope the John and Concord will come safely home, and deliver Col. Thomson's wine. [2 *pages.*]

April 18. Venice. **129.** Capt. Jonas Poole to the Secretary of the Navy Committee. Having license from the delegates for our victuals and other provisions, on 3 March, the Dutch lamented of us at the College for depriving them of their men, and order was sent that we should restore what strangers we had entertained. We struggled and waded through this disturbance, but such was the remissness of divers persons, that our provisions went slowly on board, and our seamen here are for the most part so effeminate and rude as I seldom have met the like. Thus time was consumed until the 15th, when we mustered all our men on board the six ships, the Loyalty or Blackmartin being taken up since my last on the 16th. The Dutch, Italian, and Armenian merchants lamented at the College against us, as intending to throw their goods into the Gulf, but the Senate slighted them, and promised license to-morrow by the delegates for our ships' departure; but such is the villany of divers English here, and the baseness of our seamen, that although this State of late begins to seem somewhat more our friends than before the confirmation of our late great victory, yet I fear it will be too late ere these ships get out to do any service; and I conceive, considering our great loss at Leghorn, if a fleet does not come from England into these seas, the ships we have here will not be able to chain the enemy. I am just going for Leghorn. [1¼ *pages.*]

ORDERS IN THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

April 19. **130.** The petition of Rich. Gwyn referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. [½ *page.*]

131. The same order to be given on the petition of Capt. Edm. Chapman for employment at sea as given to Capts. Young and Taylor. [½ *page.*]

132. The petition of Jas. Blaydes and others, referred to the Navy Commissioners, with the Act for impressing seamen, that they may give such directions as will least prejudice the service. [½ *page.*]

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April 19. The Greyhound, Lee Road.

133. Capt. Thos. Bowen to the [Admiralty Committee]. I set sail with Rear-Admiral Lawson and 32 persons on board, of which there were not 6 seamen, besides officers. The vice-admiral joining, I went with the whole fleet northwards, and we got to the Humber, where we met a fleet of colliers sailing fast southward. Last Thursday I was sent by Vice-Admiral Penn to stay them in Yarmouth Road for his orders, but 40 pressed through that evening; the other 60 anchored, but went off in the night, contemptuously slighting our shots and all we could do to stay them.

I have convoyed some vessels up from Yarmouth, and have orders to go to Scotland to convoy home those there, but could not move till yesterday for want of men. Shall I convoy the many vessels in the river bound for Yarmouth, Lynn, and the Humber? I left the fleet under Vice-Admiral Penn in Southwold Bay last evening, coming to Aldborough Bay to ballast and water. [1 *page.*]

April 19. Deal.

134. John Carter to the Navy Commissioners. I have pressed 113 seamen in the towns you directed me to, but doubt if they will all appear. I have warrants for 10 in Dover, who have received press and conduct money, but have not appeared. Capt. Delaval has received several of the men on his own private man-of-war, if a frigate is not sent to take them out again, I shall but be paying money to no purpose. I have pressed 32 more in Dover, and know of 80 more, but they are wholly resolved not to go in the State's ships, and are lingering after the private men-of-war. I am going to Rye and Hastings to see what the mayors have done, and to press from coal barks. I have left tickets and money in every town with the mayors and chief officers. May not every young man who is master of a vessel of 10 or 20 tons, having no goods in her, be pressed? The Governor of Dover Castle sent home 6 or 8 more men pressed at Folkstone, on their petitions. Send me a supply of the Acts for impressing men, as the mayors and justices desire a copy. [1 *page.*]

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135. Note of hand of Bartho. Hall for repayment within a month, of 80*l.* borrowed of John Phelips, of London, for the use of Jno. Herbert. [*Damaged,* ½ *page.*]

April 20. Navy Office.

136. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We find nothing to object against in the account of Alex. Bence of Alicant; he having the Council of State's order for his disbursements, his bill ought to be paid, and 2½ per cent. allowed him, making together 1,416*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* We hope Capt. Badiley has taken in those pieces of ordnance, for it will not be safe to venture there until there is a fleet in those seas, as the Dutch may intercept them. [¾ *page.*]

April 20. Amsterdam.

137. William Hardin, of North Yarmouth, prisoner in Amsterdam, to his wife. We came from Hamburg on the 16th in a Hamburg ship, which we thought would be more secure than one of our neighbours if we fell in with any Flemish men-of-war, which we did, they plundered us, took our clothes off our backs, put us in chains, and

brought us to Amsterdam, and through the town in boats, a wonder to the people, where we are now in a prison, not 7 feet wide, and but 14 feet long, and we have very little air; but be contented, for it is sin that is the occasion of these troubles, and we suffer as Christians, therefore we desire to praise God, and I wish these afflictions may be sanctified in us, and I hope Mr. Bailiff's worship will not be unmindful of our misery, as also the rest of our friends, but seek what they can for our releasement, otherwise we shall remain here.

I hope our Council of State will look upon us, so that we shall not be here long. John Oblerson has been to see what we wanted, and promises we should not want, and he will tell you our condition, and that we are suffering innocently; I would not remain if I could be exchanged or ransomed, but I trust the same God that brought us in will in due time deliver us out. Our allowance is 2 lbs. of butter, 2 lbs. of cheese, and 27 loaves, and this is all we have for 10 of us a day, and the beer is very bad. It is the worst for me, because I do not love cheese. If we had the benefit of the air it would be better for us. We thought we should have had the yard to walk in, but we are deprived of it. I never thought liberty was so precious as it is. With names of six of his fellow prisoners. [1 *page, with shorthand notes thereon.*]

ORDERS IN THE ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

April 21. **138.** Reference to the Navy Commissioners of the cases of six persons named, wounded in fight, and others in like case, for relief by gratuity or pension. They are to settle the affair as to time, place, and despatch, so as to give most ease to the persons concerned, and to report any extraordinary case to the Committee. [1 *page.*]

139. That the Navy Commissioners confer with the victuallers about the best means of victualling Vice-Admiral Penn's fleet, and how the victuals are to be put on board; also that 12 victualling ships attend the fleet with victuals till September 31, and that in the hiring of them, regard be had to the largeness of their holds. [1 *page.*]

April 21. **140.** Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners. We find daily that ships are straitened in their holds by the making of store rooms for captains, boatswains, carpenters, and gunners, so that they cannot take in a fit quantity of victuals. You are to order the master shipwrights to survey and reduce these rooms, as the ships come into the yards, that their holds may be enlarged; and this is to be observed in the building of new ships, and you are to certify how many months' victuals each ship will hold. [1 *page.*]

April 21. The Resolution, Spithead. **141.** Generals Deane and Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We wonder at not hearing from you for four or five days. There is a great want of seamen, and the victuallers can only furnish provisions for two months. Had we gunners and stores, we should move towards Vice-Admiral Penn. We enclose a list of stores required. We hope your multitude of business will not cause you to forget us here. [1 *page.*]

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April 22. The Resolution, Spithead.

142. John Poortmans to Rob. Blackborne. I hope I may say to you without offence, as the Generals say to the Commissioners, that I wonder at your silence, the rather because of the late revolution, of which I want particulars. My heart rejoices within me to hear it. Pray send the Acts for mariners and for impressing, or we shall be gone before they come. [¾ *pages.*]

April 22. The Resolution, near Portsmouth.

143. General Rich. Deane to Robt. Blackborne. By yours of the 20th, I perceive the strange and various acts of Providence. The Lord teach us to be humble and earnest seekers to him, that we may be able to do his will, and not our own. Remind Major Salwey and Mr. Carew to be more than ordinarily careful. Help us with necessaries at this juncture, when our burden is not the easiest. Let me hear from you daily how things go on, and what is done about the navy. Pray forward this packet to Vice-Admiral Penn. [1 *page.*]

April 22. The Resolution, Spithead.

144. General Rich. Deane to Major Rich. Salwey and Jno. Carew, Admiralty Commissioners. I received to-day a letter from my Lord General, hinting that he has been pressed by you and others to send a speedy despatch to me to sail with as much of the fleet as is ready, to join Vice-Admiral Penn. We have therefore written Penn, when he receives the merchant ships in the river, to come hither and join us; we can not else come up the Channel; as De Witt is about with 50 sail, it will be dangerous to sail with half the fleet. Pray send down 500 barrels of powder, that we may all go together; we could not well separate, as our commissions run.

My Lord writes me that you are very active to further all things, but I wonder we have had no letter this five or six days, and question whether in this great revolution, anybody takes care of us and the naval affairs. My trust is in God, and I am not much solicitous, though the world be turned upside down, only you being the chief instruments in engaging me in this business, and promising me assistance, do not neglect me at such a time as this. I pray God to make us instruments to do his pleasure.

P.S.—Send the letter and instructions speedily to Vice-Admiral Penn. [1¾ *pages.*]

April 22. Whitehall.

145. Major R. Salwey and Jno. Carew to the Generals of the fleet. We hope, by your next, to understand you are in such readiness as to make a seasonable conjunction with the vice-admiral, concerning the victualling of whose fleet, as also in order to the victualling of the main body during this summer's' service, we, upon serious debate with the Navy Commissioners and Victuallers, passed the enclosed order, of which we also desire your thoughts. Sir Hen. Vane having gone into the country, Col. Thomson being absent, and Mr. Langley ill, we are necessitated to despatch this, and let you know that through God's assistance, care will be continued for your encouragement and furtherance in the present service. We have often sent to Capt. Proud, who is much indisposed, and enclose his note. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

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April 22. 5 p.m. The James, Aldborough Bay.

146. Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn to the Admiralty Committee. Major Bourne arrived last evening with 20 merchant ships, and after consultation with the commanders, we have agreed to move southwards to join the fleet coming from Portsmouth. There are eight sail appointed to guard the north coast, to secure the trade between this and Newcastle. If more are needed, some might be sent out of the river. Most of the ships want clerks of the check and stewards. We also want a person to take an account and dispose of the victuals in the fleet. [1 *page.*]

April 22. 9 p.m. Aldborough.

147. Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. In pursuance of Council's order and yours, I went yesterday on board the fleet under Vice-Admiral Penn, and told him the things I had in charge relating to public affairs yesterday; he will sail to-morrow and I will then return. [1 *page.*]

April 22. 9 p.m. Aldborough Road.

148. Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. To similar effect. I am settling the matters entrusted to me. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[April] 22. Plymouth.

149. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Navy Commissioners. The Lily has returned after carrying 60 able seamen to the fleet, and I have shipped 100 more in the Warwick and Briar frigates, who are to convoy some barks with provisions for the navy. Most of them were procured by Mr. Mill, who is going further west into Cornwall to procure 100 more men. I have given him money, and he has charged a bill upon you for 60*l.*, which I hope will be paid with the others. [1 *page.*]

April 22. Minehead.

150. Thomas Skelton to Wm. Leptratt, at the Harp and Ball, by Charing Cross. I and the townsmen thought we should have heard weekly from you, according to promise, as also what is done about our charter. Mr. Pearce, one of our chief men, will be soon with you, and I pray you to show him respect, and assist him in anything you can, and take him to our burgess and my friend Jas. Nelthorp, for furthering his business and effecting ours.

On the 15th ult. I caused Capt. Balthazar, a grand tory and pirate of Brest in Brittany, to be apprehended, and appeared against him at the assizes at Taunton on the 15th inst., when he was committed to the common gaol of this county, and referred to the Council of State, to whom I have also written, as also to the Navy Committee, of my proceedings; also that I took from him two letters and a bill of exchange for 168*l.* 18*s.*, payable by Jasper Gyll, merchant of Bristol, which is forfeited to the State and me; but if you will take pains, you shall have your full share to a penny, so that you gain me an order for it. To effect this, I desire you to present my service to James Nelthorp, and crave his advice and assistance, and to remember my respects to Mr. Blackborne and move him therein; then go to the secretary of the Council of State, and use some means or other that I may have order to receive this 168*l.* 8*s.* whereof you shall have your part, Mr. Blackborne also, and Capt Menerly, and all those that help us, for it is forfeit by Act of

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Parliament. Buy that Act for the forfeiting the estates of the open enemies of Parliament, either by seizure, sequestration, or otherwise. Gain me order to receive the money, and send me the Act, and I will send you and them your full part.

The grand cavalier and forsworn enemy of mine, Hugh Muttel bury, is coming to London with Capt. Balthazar's wife, to petition the Council of State to get him cleared, so I pray you to get in with him as you did with Mr. Bowers, and prevent his design, and make him odious, and come back like a fool, for he will swear and lie anything; and for his lying, forswearing, and betraying his trust, he was first put out of his place in this port from being collector, and now lately out of the excise, and none will employ him, so that now he turns solicitor for cavaliers, such as he was. If you see or hear of him, prevent and disgrace him to the full, according to his deserts.

P.S.—This captain, Wm. Balthazar, was first a land captain, and commanded Mary Fort, Scilly, and having his parole, went from thence to Galloway and took the articles there, and then took a ship and went to Brest and took a commission under Charles Stuart as King Charles, by virtue of which commission he acted for above two years, and took several ships and barks upon the coasts of Ireland and Wales, to the utter undoing of whole families. He was the grand pirate, and gained the rest that was against these parts and western ports. I therefore conceive I have done faithful and good service to the people and commonwealth of England; and as he has often plundered and taken, and it has been his only trade these 12 years, I conceive his bill of exchange, bill of lading, and letters of credit are forfeit to the State, he having not made his peace, and half due to me, the discoverer, by the Act of 1643 for sequestrations, or else by other Acts for open acting enemies out of England, as pirates or others, not making their peace within the limited time, and exempted out of pardon in the Act of oblivion. I have sent you Capt. Balthazar's confession, and hope you will prosecute him and his friend Muttelbury to their deserts, which are bad enough. *Noted:* "Skelton still thirsting after the money." [2 *pages.*]

April 23. **151.** ORDERS IN THE ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

That the Navy Commissioners and Treasurer make allowance for monies disbursed for bedding, shirts, &c. for the soldiers of Col. Berkstead's regiment, entertained for the service of the fleet; the same to be charged by the clerk of the check of their respective ships, that defalcation may be made on payment. [1 *page.*]

April 23. **152.** On consideration of the need of a speedy supply of mariners, that the Navy Commissioners write effectually to quicken all their instruments employed in pressing, and to require an account of what men they expect to raise, and how soon, and also of what mariners they have sent up. Also that they consider of the equal distribution, in the ships now setting forth, of the 100 soldiers from Col. Berkstead's regiment. [1 *page.*]

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April 23. Bristol. **153.** Capt. Thos. Marryott to the Navy Commissioners. I sent you the discharge of John Huben for 12*l.*, which he took willingly in satisfaction of his claim of 260*l.* for goods alleged to have been lost in the prize he took; he brought an order for reparation from the Council of State, and depositions taken in the Admiralty Court, many of which were false. I believe he did not lose to the extent of 10*l.* Pray take some course to give the mariners three or four months' pay; they have been long on shore, have run into debt, their clothes are in pawn, and they cannot be got on board for want of clothes; they are grown very desperate. I hear they have drawn up a petition to you. It were better for them to be in Sir John Lenthall's mansion house than masterless as they are now. [1 *page.*]

April 23. Gloucester. **154.** John Wade to Col. Robt. Thomson and Edward Hopkins, Navy Office. On your warrant to impress 200 seamen in cos. Gloucester and Worcester, I have made some progress, and send a list of men pressed; send me some printed tickets and some money to Capt. Blackwell, at Guildhall, to be sent by him to Gloucester. [½ *page.*]

April 23. The Resolution, Spithead. **155.** Generals Deane and Monck to the Admiralty Commissioners. We shall be ready soon if we have the ammunition we asked for. The victuallers can only provide two months' victuals for the merchant ships newly hired and for eight of the State's ships. We are much put to it for men. We hope you have hastened the ships in the river to Vice-Admiral Penn. We do what we can to get men out of the rest of the colliers. We have sent to Penn to join us, though we should not have troubled him if we could get men and ammunition, but as it is, a conjunction is needful. We think it will be about Dover or Margate, and wish you would join us there.

We send a copy of our letter to Penn, to be communicated to his officers, by which you will perceive how God leads the spirits of the officers of this part of the fleet with us. Do not forget to provide a chest of medicaments and surgery. [1⅔ *pages.*]

April 23. The Resolution, Spithead. **156.** John Poortmans to Rob. Blackborne. That great transaction was no more than I apprehended the Lord would do, and that suddenly, for those who wrest the staff out of his hands shall feel the weight of his finger is heavier than their loins. It was not only the want of a stream of justice in that supreme judicature, but it was the taking another jewel out of his own crown, in that they said "The law shall go forth out from us, and the word of the Lord from such as we shall approve" when Scripture says "The law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." I wish those who succeed may learn from their predecessors that as he has overturned, so he will overturn, till He come whose right it is. Even so, come Lord Jesus, quickly.

I am glad that you look upon this as the dawning of the day of our redemption. I hope the present damp on business will not last long. An account of the spirits of the officers here, on this dissolution of Parliament, is sent to the Commissioners. The laws of war will be welcome if they come by this wagon, but we shall be gone before the next. [1 *page.*]

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April 25. The James.

157. Rear-Admiral Jno. Lawson to Robt. Blackborne. I have received yours about the great alteration in the affairs of the State. I trust the Lord will bring glory to himself and good to his people by all these revolutions. The Vice-Admiral begs to be excused for not corresponding with you, having much business and little help, but hopes to hear from you. Pray forward the enclosed to Capt. Northend, as it concerns a poor widow. [1 *page.*]

April 25. The James, Downs.

158. Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn to the Admiralty Committee. I could not write earlier, having got hither with much ado this afternoon. I am only staying for 14 sail, which were put from their anchors off the South Sands Head by a storm. The victualling ships mentioned in yours will be of great use to the fleet, if so fitted with men, ground tackle, &c. that in an expeditious employment, they be no clog to the fleet. I hope there may be an equality of provisions on all ships, as the neglect of this has bred much disorder. A fit person should be sent from the victuallers to issue and take account of provisions. There are here seven large Swede ships, six of which came in voluntarily, and one I ordered in; they are laden with masts, tar, pitch, deals, and other commodities; send orders at once as to their disposal, or we shall lose time here. [1 *page.*]

April 25. The Laurel, Downs.

159. Edw. Bowen to Rich. Creed, Navy Commissioner. Your letters refreshed my spirits, being mixed with the oil of gladness or the spirit of light and truth, which is so scarce that since I came into our ships, I have lived prisoner-like, hearing none of the former music, the melody of experienced saints, having but one poor heart, our minister, who, like myself, has so little countenance from our captain that we think of leaving the ship.

We have heard lately that the Dutch mariners run away as fast as they are pressed, preferring to be prisoners to serving in their ships, and that they have not above 40 ships ready as yet. The Laurel was one of three ships chased by 16 of their men-of-war, but run them out of sight in four hours. If you receive any letters for me from my wife in Wales, forward them, and send her one enclosed. We are 66 men-of-war in the Downs, and those from Portsmouth are hourly expected to join us. We hear that the mariners must not go on shore nor seal their letters. Let me hear how it stands with the public.

P.S.—Our captain reports that eight ships were chased yesterday, but proved to be Swedes, laden with masts and tar, and bound for Portugal. Their voyage will be shortened, as Admiral Penn will send them into the Thames, where their commodities will be very useful in this overturn of times. [1½ *pages.*]

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General Oliver Cromwell to the Commissioners for propagating the Gospel in Wales. The late Parliament not having continued the Act for the propagation of the Gospel in Wales, and there being no supreme power as yet settled, by whose authority the liberty of the Gospel in Wales may be established, I advise you to go on cheerfully in your work, protect good men, and execute all things settled by the

former Act. In so doing, the Lord will be with you; and you shall have fitting assistance from me, until those placed in supreme power take further order. [*Composition order book. G.* 29, *p.* 9.]

April 25. Leghorn. **160.** Charles Longland to the Navy Committee. I hear by Geo. Smith and Jno. Hallett that all our letters of 28 February last miscarried; by them I sent Hallet a bill of Capt. Badiley's for 12,000 dollars, payable at 14 days for provisions and money furnished him, and I likewise drew on you for 3,891*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* for disbursements; I now enclose copies, and pray due acceptance and payment. I ought not to stand debtor in your books for moneys furnished to commanders. I will send an account of the disbursements for the sick and wounded when they have all recovered.

There are nine sail of Dutch gone towards the East, and 12 sail in this road, amongst which is the Leopard, who has not above 60 men upon her, and none of the other ships are better manned, as they lost near upon 200 in the late fight. If the State intends sending a fleet hither, they will doubtless find an easy victory, and recover the Leopard again.

P.S.—Capt. Badiley left no second bill for the 12,000 dollars or 3,150*l.*, so pay the same to Hallet 14 days after receipt hereof, and Capt. Badiley will be accountable when he arrives. [1¾ *pages. With copy of his letter of April* 18.]

April 25. Navy Office. **161.** Thos. Smith, Navy Commissioner, to the Admiralty Committee. It will be advisable to distribute the 100 soldiers of Col. Barkstead's regiment in the Unicorn and Defence. The Lieutenant of the Tower should send them in barges. Instructions have been sent to the various officers as to pressing seamen, and we will send you their accounts of their proceedings.

The Lieutenant of the Tower and others authorised to press wish us to tell you that 500 more men are wanting for the ships in the river, and they ask for warrants to be sent to the Governors of [Watermen's] Hall to raise them, and send them to the Hope. Also an order to the merchant ships in the river to fall down to the Hope, the better to keep their men on board. We have no instructions to enter Wm. Smithson as captain of the Horseydown. The Magdalen and Katherine have come in and want payment. [1⅔ *page.*]

April 25. **162.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners take care that the chest of medicaments be sent to the Generals, they having requested it speedily, and consult Dr. Whistler about it. [½ *page.*]

April 25. Yarmouth. **163.** Wm. Greenwood to the Customs' Committee. Your commission to Mr. Putinger and myself concerning Mr. Stratton was executed and returned, and a second was directed, empowering Mr. Dunn and myself, on Stratton's part, which we were ready to expedite, but could not without knowing what witnesses Stratton would desire. He came home last Friday, and the

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next day Mr. Dunn and myself, having met to confer with Stratton, a third commission appeared, grounded upon a complaint of Stratton that he had not received fair dealing in the first, as he was not permitted to be present at the examination of witnesses, and evidence in his favour was omitted.

Although these aspersions are solely cast upon Mr. Putinger, not on myself, it cannot but appear that I must either be a fool, or an ignorant or corrupt person, for there being but two Commissioners, it was the duty of both of them not to let one passage be examined but in both their presence, which was not omitted, and being apprehensive my honesty is wounded therein, I conceive it fit to answer those objections.

I acknowledge he was not permitted to be present at the examination of witnesses, but am not apprehensive of any error committed, having been a Commissioner above 40 years, and never saw it practised nor permitted.

To his second objection I answer I have a more charitable opinion than that any one should so far transgress both the laws of God and humanity as to attest what is complained of. All the favour that Mr. Stratton could require, in showing him the depositions, informing him of the passages, frequently adjourning the commission at his pleasure, and allowing him to take notes on pretence of cross-examining, which he at last refused, and any other favour that in courtesy and justice could be afforded him, as Commissioners are in duty bound, he had. I therefore apprehend that I am not obliged to execute the commission directed to Mr. Dunn and myself, until my honesty be either cleared or particularly aspersed by the execution of the new commission to Mr. Dunn and Mr. Whitfield, after which I shall do accordingly, and beseech that the business may be thoroughly examined, and not slightly passed over, which in justice you cannot deny. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 26. Hamburg. **164.** Richard Bradshaw to John Thurloe. I am glad the colliers are safe, though Vice-Admiral Penn missed his game. That Dutch fleet of 18 sail convoyed some East India and other merchant ships by the north, as the last letters from Amsterdam speak, and two of the East Indiamen, rich and full of men, were cast away upon Shetland in a storm, and one forced back with a leak; this news, with the great distractions in Holland, much saddens their friends here. I suppose you have the particulars of their divisions more exact than we here. If the French and Portuguese be real in their treaties, it's probable you may close with them both shortly, which would much discourage the Dutch and Dane. Now that it has pleased Parliament to set a day for the reading of my narrative, I shall hope shortly to hear of their resolution thereupon.

According to your order, by command of Council, I am laying out to provide the 2,000 barrels of powder and 600 tons of masts, which I hope to have shortly ready, though the city itself has not so great a quantity to sell at present, the Dutch having so exported it. I have already begun to buy both powder and masts, and therefore have charged my bills of exchange upon Council for 2,000*l.*, payable

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April 26. to Hen. Crisp, merchant in London, which I pray you to see accepted and paid. This first sum I have taken up amongst some English merchants well affected to the State, to supply the present occasion, but they have not any more to return, and strangers will not take bills upon the State, and besides it would discover the business amongst the Dutch from whom much of the money must be had, which would bring down the exchange to the State's loss; therefore the only sure way both to be furnished with money at the best exchange, and keep the business private, is for Council to appoint some eminent merchant of the Hamburg Company in London, upon whom the bills may be charged by me, or on my order, as there shall be occasion. Mr. Crisp is in good repute with all the merchants here, and when he presents my bill of 2,000*l.* to Council, if he is asked to accept my bills for the future, he will do it, having assurance from Council that they will be punctually paid; and I shall then, together with such bills as I charge upon him, accompany my bills to him upon Council for the like sums, so that he may not be in disburse at any time.

Though your order is a sufficient warrant for me, yet for more advantage to the State in taking up the money here, let me have it under Council's seal by the next post, and let a merchant be nominated on whom I may draw my bills, so that I may go on currently.

The Dutch have made powder dear in all parts, and at Dantzic, which is the chief place for it, they have bought up and shipped off large quantities lately, and also buy up the saltpetre in all parts where they meet with it, and carry it for Holland. The price of powder here at present is from 29 to 30 rix dollars the cwt., and has been 31 and 32, and would come above that price, should it be known what commission I have, which shall not be before I am sure of the parcel, nor then if it can be avoided. I shall find but few barrels of 1 cwt. a piece, the Dutch having bought them all up, but I must take barrels of 1½ to 2 cwt. Shall I buy 2,000 barrels accounting 1 cwt. to a barrel, or 2,000 barrels of the weight I can find them?

I hope to meet with some masts for the frigates from 15 to 20 palms, and have 25 already from the Duke of Saxony's country, which are more esteemed than any from Norway. I conclude Council will send ships hither with a convoy to carry home the powder and masts, as if I must freight ships here, I must speedily know it, and assure them of convoy, or they will not undertake the transport of these commodities for England. I doubt, if the war continues, powder and masts will arrive at an excessive rate, and therefore if you think England cannot supply itself in a convenient time, or you cannot find it elsewhere, the sooner Counciil enlarges their commission for powder, masts, or what else may be wanting, the better.

The Swede, Dane, Pole, and almost all the East countries are arming, which will keep up the price of powder; but if there should be a necessity for 4,000 or 5,000 barrels, and private commission given for it forthwith, I am assured to have it bought up and brought at the best hand from Dantzic to Lubec, and so hither, except meantime it should be prohibited to be transported.

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I was this day promised the Senate's answer to my demand of the cloth ship, but they now excuse themselves until the next post. [$2\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

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165. Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn to the Admiralty Committee. I will try to get the powder from the bailiffs of Yarmouth. I sent you a list of eight ships appointed by Major Bourne for the northern guard. I now send an account of the lading of the seven Swedish ships. Two water ships are much needed for the fleet, as they are forced to boil their provisions in salt water, which causes much sickness. The ships to leeward have come up, and some hope to-morrow to ply westward. We hear from Rochelle that the Dutch fleet of 150 merchant ships and seven men-of-war sailed from St. Martin's on the 8th. [1 *page.*]

April 26. The Resolution, St. Helen's.

166. Generals Deane and Monck to the Admiralty Committee. You hope our want of gunners' stores will not hinder our putting to sea. We could go with part of the fleet, but if you mean the whole, 500 barrels of powder is a considerable proportion to be wanting in such a squadron, but we will do our best. It will be as well to hasten the hoy to Vice-Admiral Penn in the Downs. We approve of the list of captains sent, knowing most of them as godly men, and the rest you will know. When we meet Penn, we will give orders for more ships for the northern guard. The Unicorn and the merchant ships in the river are to sail for the Swinn; 20 of the 100 soldiers of Col. Barkstead's regiment who are to be disbanded after 1st May should be put on board the Unicorn, and 10 on each of the merchantmen. The powder had better be sent to Margate or Dover, where we hope shortly to be, if the victuallers do their part.

Being much pressed for men, we have taken those of the Briar and Old Warwick, and must take some more from the merchantmen whose contracts are expired, but there will be much discontent if they are not paid. We have ordered John Poortmans to pay the tickets of the men of the State's ships so turned over, and to imprest to the captains of the merchantmen sufficient to pay theirs, and send an account to the navy treasurer, that it may be deducted out of their freight, but he says he can no ways accomplish it. We therefore desire that 1,000*l.* or 1,500*l.* may be imprested to him, as clamours at this time should be avoided.

Thos. Arkinstall, master of the Resolution, has had 50*l.*, his half year's wages as master attendant, stopped by the Navy Commissioners, because he was not resident to perform the duty on shore; and as he was sent to sea by order, his wage ought not only to be allowed but continued. [3 *pages.*]

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167. Col. Wm. Sydenham to Capt. Baskett at Cowes and Capt. Petchell at Yarmouth [Isle of Wight]. You are to forthwith send to the Generals of the fleet such soldiers as have been lately entertained by you, by order from the General, above your established number, and in case the Generals have sailed from Portsmouth, you

are then to put them on board such ship as you shall be directed by Mr. Willoughby, Navy Commissioner at Portsmouth, to be sent to the fleet, and pay them from the time of their entertainment to 1 May next, inclusive, and out of that pay, provide them with a sea cap, bed, two shirts, two pairs of shoes and stockings, and two suits. Send me an account of the number of soldiers you send on shipboard, and the times of their respective entertainments, and I will take care that the money you advance them shall be repaid. [*Draft*, 1 *page*.]

April 26. Petworth. **168.** Viscount Conway and Kilulta to [his son ?]. I have not been able to do anything yet concerning Conway Castle. I have often solicited the General, but he has no time to do it, and for the last three weeks he has been continually locked up with the army officers. You will know ere this what their consultation has produced. Nothing could be more pleasing to all degrees of men than the dissolution of these Parliament men. I hope we shall have better justice now than we had before. A considerable part of the army is about London, but although they do well to be careful, I think it is needless, for all things are very quiet, and there is no appearance that anybody would stir for the Parliament. All courts of justice and committees and all officers are in power as they were.

The Holland ships do not appear much upon the sea, and I believe there will be a peace between the two nations. It was said that Denmark would restore our ships now stayed there; although France has an agent here, yet there is a taking of ships at sea on both sides, and the treaty between us does not advance much.

I have had great trouble to satisfy Col. Wellby, as he would not be content with the security of all the land in Ireland, but at last consented, if Major Rawden will promise to send him the money as he receives it. Your wife called twice to see me when I was from home, but I met her at Lady Northumberland's, where she told me that Dr. Ridgley had given her some medicine for her headache, and I now begin to have some hope, since she will consent to take physic from another.

I hear that the General, Major-Gen. Lambert, Major-Gen. Harrison, and some other officers are supplying the place of the Parliament and Council of State for the present. I enclose Col. Wellby's letter to Major Rawden. I have not heard anything of you since you went to Ireland. Pray inquire after my books and papers left with Mr. Tallis. I pray God to give you good success, and bring you safe back, and bless you in all your ways by making them his ways. [2 *pages*.]

April 27. **169.** Order by the Commissioners for inspecting treasuries that Sir John Wollaston, and the Treasurers for sale of Crown lands exempted by a former Act, pay 900*l*. to Rich. Hutchinson for the navy; with his receipt 30 April. [1½ *pages*.]

April 28. **170.** Daniel Taylor to Robert Blackborne. I beg your interest in procuring the release of Robert Booth, lately pressed at Portsmouth. He was taken at Meavis by Prince Rupert last year, and

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carried to France, whence he escaped and came to England, but before he could get to his wife, he was taken up for the service. The want of men being so great, I was unwilling to move you, but the condition of his wife necessitates me, for being disappointed of seeing him after so long absence, she is almost distracted, and it may cause her death. [½ *page.*]

April 28. Alicant. **171.** Alex. Bence to the Admiralty Committee. I have delayed reporting the sailing of Capt. Badiley passing this port (with the Paragon, Phœnix, Elizabeth, and Warwick frigates, and five others with a Dutch prize which they took off Majorca), for I was detained in Valencia, to demand satisfaction from the Vice-King for the Robert and Richard, taken by the Dutch here, but I could get no answer except that he had informed the King, and could do nothing without orders, though I told him that one of the delinquents was in Carthagena, and might have been embargoed till order came from Madrid. The Dutch remain masters of these seas, and will do till you send a fleet to curb them; meanwhile their merchant ships have the benefit of this trade. Capt. Badiley left Cadiz the 1st inst. [1 *page.*]

April 29. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Major-General Harrison to desire the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries to give in their account of the state thereof to-morrow, or not later than Monday.

2. Mr. Rowe to bring in an account of as much of the business of the Irish and Scotch Affairs as he has cognizance of, to-morrow noon.

3. Mr. Thurloe to prepare an account of the persons employed in his office, and the whole charge therein, and present it.

4. The first business of the afternoon to be the reading of Col. Lilburne's letter, and the next the letter from the States General.

5. 10,000*l.* worth of provisions to be sent into Scotland, for the use of the army.

6. A convoy to be appointed to go with the provisions within 14 days, or otherwise they shall go without convoy, the responsibility to be borne by the State. Notice to be sent thereof to the contractors.

7. The debate concerning the Dutch letter to be resumed on Monday.

8, 9. The Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker to attend at 10 a.m. to-morrow, and the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries to meet them, to confer concerning Spanish wools.

10. Col. Grosvenor, Col. Pride, Col. White, and Maximilian Beard to examine the state of Ely House, and the abuses therein complained of, and report.

11. Cols. Rich and Okey, Major Haynes, and Lieut.-Col. Kelsey to inquire into the state of the inland post, confer with such persons as they think fit, and report as to the future management of the office. All papers remaining with Council concerning the business to be delivered them. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 1–3.]

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April 29. Whitehall. Council of State to Cols. Tomlinson and Cooper, John Fountaine, Mr. Wollaston, and Mr. Margetts. Complaints are daily made that the prison of the Upper Bench is so managed that it is become a general grievance and oppression, both to debtor and creditor. That a speedy remedy may be applied thereto, we authorise you to examine the state of the prison, number of the prisoners, their quality and condition, and how the whole business is managed, and to propound such regulations as you think necessary, and give in an account with speed. [*I.* 69, *p.* 3.]

April 29. The Resolution, 3 leagues east of the Isle of Wight. **172.** Generals Deane and Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We wish the fleet were supplied as stated by the victuallers; we believe they have done what they can, although many of the merchant ships have but 6 weeks beer on board, though we waited for it. As to the 400 land soldiers, we do not know now where they are. We have sent twice for those with Col. Sydenham, and received from the deputy governor as many as he had order for or could procure. We are in sight of Vice-Admiral Penn and his fleet. If any of you intend to meet us at Dover or the Downs, hasten thither with speed, as we should not have to wait, now the fleet is embodied. Do not forget the money, surgeons' chests, and other things applied for, and a person to distribute gunners' stores. Our men fall sick apace of dangerous fever; one complained but yesterday morning, and died before night. [1 *page.*]

April 29. The Resolution, off Arundel, 8 p.m. **173.** Generals Deane and Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We hear nothing of the hoy with shot. We wish some of you would hasten to Margate. You would find us off the North Foreland. Penn's fleet is also very defective in victuals, whatever the victuallers' instrument may report. If there be such shuffling, we shall have a hard game to play. We have joined with Vice-Admiral Penn, but most of the merchant ships that came out of the river with Major Bourne want cables, anchors, and victuals; let them be hastened down to the North Foreland, together with the powder, also three ships to carry water, and some hammocks, as there are 3,000 men in the fleet lying on deck for want of them, which breeds great disturbance amongst them. What is to be done with the Swedish ships stopped by the vice-admiral? Have you any need of their lading? [1 *page.*]

April 29. Lease from Richard Moore, of the Inner Temple, and Edmund Hopkins, to John Phillips, all of London, of eight rooms lying up the first staircase in the shop of Richard Holton, and of the cellar lying towards the west under his little parlour and backyard of the coal house, part of the messuage called the Lamb or Holy Lamb near Temple Bar in Fleet Street, with the exception of two cellars lying under some part of the premises, and right of passage thereto, for 19 years, rent 10*l.* a year. [*Parchment signed. Interregnum. Box* 1, *No.* 11.]

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1. Major-General Lambert to be President during the coming week.

2. The President for the time being to sign letters and warrants in the name of Council, and the secretary to sign them also, stating that they are signed by order of the Council.

3. To write to Col. Pyne, Capt. Joseph Wallington, and Lieut. Barnard the information from Philip Norton, concerning a public disturbance made at the fair there by certain persons, whereby the payment of the excise was interrupted. They are to examine into the matter, and to send for the persons named, and any others they may think necessary for the clearing it up. If they think it advisable, they are to send up such persons as they think fit to Council, in safe custody.

4. Major-General Harrison, Mr. Bennet, and the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries, to examine the information given concerning the Spanish wools, for which sentence of discharge has been or is likely to be given in the Admiralty Court, and to confer with the Commissioners of Dutch Prizes and others, and report.

5. Major-Gens. Harrison and Desborow, Mr. Strickland, Col. Rich, and Major Hayne, to consider the business of Spanish silver in reference to the commonwealth, and report.

6. Capts. Blackwell and Deane, and William Rowe, to consider what surplus of pay is in the hands of any of the officers, and to give an account speedily.

7. Cols. Tomlinson and Grosvenor, Lieut.-Cols. White and Salmon, Maximilian Beard, Mr. Wollaston, and Mr. Greensmith, to consider the settling of a Committee for taking accounts of all persons who have received any of the commonwealth's money, what persons should be trusted therein, and what powers should be given them, and to report.

8. Mr. Thurloe's report concerning his office to be considered on Monday. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 5–7.]

April 30. Whitehall. Council of State to the Commissioners of Customs. Col. Ralph Cobbet has deposited in your hands the value of the customs demanded for the butter and cheese he has lately shipped for Scotland, for his regiment and other forces, till it was determined whether it should pass free or not. You are to repay him the money, and allow the butter and cheese, and also some cheese shipped at Hull for the same service, to pass custom free. [*I.* 69, *p.* 8.]

April 30. **174.** Petition of Wm. Pym to the Admiralty Committee, for allowance of his account of disbursements for English mariners and prisoners set on shore by the Dutch in remote parts of France, who came to St. Malo's for transport to England, and for repayment, according to an order of the late Council of State to the Navy Commissioners, but they refused to accept it till seen and allowed by the Admiralty Committee; has attended three months, and been at much trouble and expense. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners. [1 *page.*]

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April 30. The Hawkone, Inverness.

175. Capt. Barth. Yate to the Admiralty Committee. Since going ashore, I have tried to get men, but there is not a seaman to be had, only poor fishermen, who are of no use. I set sail to-day, and will call at every port on my way to Leith to procure some, and if the wind permits, get up the Firth, and thence to Newcastle, where I question not but to get a quantity of men, to bring home or carry to the fleet if so ordered. [¾ *page.*]

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176. Statement by Thos. Delavall that letters from Rouen state that no powder may be transported from thence upon pain of death, and the same from Calais, as they expect a siege by the Spaniards. There is an order that no powder must be transported from Dieppe, but they inquire whether the price would bear the getting of a license. It cannot be transported from Dunkirk without special warrant. No answer has come from St. Malo, Morlaix, or Rochelle; means ought therefore to be adopted to get it from Hamburg, as though going for Lisbon or Spain.

The French at Calais have ships abroad capturing Hamburghers Lubeckers, and other ships from or to Dunkirk, laden with goods for England. Some English ships ought to be sent out to obstruct them as it is a great discouragement to the merchants to be taken by pickeroons, as well as to run the hazard of the Dutch, after having got license to transport in foreign bottoms. [1 *page.*]

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May 2.

COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The letter from the commissary of the Queen of Sweden, concerning five packs of goods taken coming from Venice in the Golden Star, to be sent to the Collectors for Prize Goods, who are to certify whether they have them in custody, and if they have, to certify their state.

2. The Admiralty Judges to certify the state of the case of the three ships pretending to belong to Sweden, now depending in their court.

3. Judge Advocate Margetts and Lieut.-Col. Worsley to examine the persons apprehended for counterfeiting a warrant for carrying French wine into Ireland, and to report. [*I.* 69, *p.* 9.]

May 2.

Council of State to Commissary-General Whalley. On information that unruly people about Stoke, Wearham, Wretton, &c., co. Norfolk, have riotously thrown down the dikes and fences belonging to the Adventurers' lands, and disturb divers therein, you are to order the commander of the troop of horse in the Isle of Ely and co. Cambridge to repair to those parts, disperse all unlawful assemblies, and assist the justices of the peace and other magistrates in bringing

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the offenders to punishment, and to prevent the like in future. If any wrong be done to the people, they shall be righted, if complaint be made in a regular way. [*I.* 69, *p.* 10.]

May 2. Leghorn. **1.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty and Navy Commissioners. Capt. Badiley's bill for 12,000 dollars having miscarried, I have drawn up an account of my disbursements for your ships and their provisions, since Capt. Appleton came into this port, whereby it will be seen that I am in disburse for more than that sum, and therefore I desire you to order payment thereof, upon receipt of this, to John Hallet, merchant, at 6*s.* 3*d.* per dollar, amounting to 3,150*l.* I have paid the men of the Leopard for clothing, and fed 290 sound and 90 wounded turned on shore here, and transported them to Venice and Messina, and am also in disburse for imprest money for the ships taken up for the service. When all the accounts are perfected I will again draw upon you. The ships are departing from Venice, and the Dutch men-of-war here are going towards the Straits, but whether the Leopard will stay here I do not know. [1½ *pages. With copy of his letter of* 28 *April.*] *Enclosed,*

1. I. *Bill of exchange by Longland for* 3,150*l.*, *payable at sight to John Hallet.—Leghorn,* 2 *May* 1653. [*Scrap.*]

May 2. The Resolution, near North Foreland. **2.** John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. The unexpected sailing of the fleet of 80 sail to the Texel was occasioned by seeing a fleet of 14 sail, which turned out to be Hamburghers, but they had seen 70 Dutch men-of-war, under Admiral Van Tromp, 12 leagues from there on the 30th ult., and he expected 30 or 40 more from the Flie, under De Witt. A council of war was thereupon held, and it was resolved to fight them upon their own coast. All the captains were willing to engage, not looking to their own strength, but to the Lord's. [1 *page.*]

May 2. Assignment from Richard Deacon, clothworker, to Wm. Ince, salter, both citizens of London, of the remainder of a lease for 23 years from Michaelmas 1648, of a messuage in Clement's Inn Fields, in the parish of St. Clement Danes, co. Middlesex, fronting westward, towards Clare Street, rent 30*l.* a year, for the sum of 60*l.* [*Parchment. Interregnum, Box* 1, *No.* 12.]

May 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To write to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Chester Castle, or the storekeeper, to certify how many barrels of gunpowder he has sent to Ireland on the Council's order of May 3, and to state the condition of that castle, and the supply that will be required, and the reasons for requiring it.

2. Major-Gen. Harrison and Mr. Bennet to confer with the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries concerning the state thereof, and deliver their report this afternoon.

3. Order that,—whereas by order of Parliament of 26 November 1652, the assessment laid on Scotland 18 February 1652 was con-

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tinued till 1 November, and then till 1 May—it be now continued till 1 November next, with the same limitations and abatements as before; and that this order be sent to Lieut.-Col. Lilburne, who is to see it executed, and also the order for continuance of judicatories in Scotland.

4. Order that—whereas the late Parliament Commissioners for Scotland nominated Commissioners and visitors of the Universities, colleges, and places of learning, Commissioners for administration of justice in causes civil and criminal, and sheriffs and commissaries in several freedoms and limits—these respective Commissioners continue to act till 1 November next, and no longer, and that the Commissioners for judicature perform their several orders and instructions, and receive the fees, salaries, and allowances granted them by Parliament.

7. Cols. Richard Ingoldsby, Berkstead Lieutenant of the Tower, Phillip Jones, Goffe, Smith, and Ralph Harrison, John Upton, and Lieut.-Col. Salmon, to be a Committee for Scotch and Irish Affairs, and to meet on Thursday morning in the Chair Chamber.

8. The business depending before the former Committee referred to the said Committee, who are to consider and report on all save what concerns the island of Shetland, and the lands of Mr. Swynton, the Earl of Clanrickard, Col. Bourke, and the Isle of Man, the papers concerning which are to be returned to Council.

9. The Navy Commissioners to order the press-masters and those who have authority to impress men for the fleet, not to impress men from the ketches, which at this season supply London with mackerel, the Lord Mayor having recommended the matter to Council, as that wherein the good of the city is much concerned. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., Nos.* **3, 4.** *I.* 69, *pp.* 42–46.]

May 3. Minehead.

5. Thos. Hewitt and Jno. Pene to the Navy Commissioners. We asked for letters of credit, without which we could not press at Swansea, so we have returned to the press at Barnstaple, and thence to Bridgwater, and on to London. We shall make diligent search after those who have deserted after receiving impress and conduct money, so that they may be proceeded against. Upwards of 330 have been pressed by us since coming from London. We in the country are much amazed at the dissolving of Parliament. The honest party hope better times thereby, but the time-servers are startled, and the malignants perplexed. [[$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 3. Dover.

6. Rowland Humphrey to Thos. Smith, Navy Commissioner. I send a muster book of the Nonsuch ketch. I have been attending the Generals till April 17, and then they sent me and Capt. Vessey to cruise on the French coast. We only met two Burlington colliers, laden for St. Valery's. On the 24th, we made for the Isle of Wight, but were driven to the Downs. We met Vice-Admiral Penn's fleet on the back of the Goodwin, and he sent us to the Generals, who came out of Stoke's Bay on the 23rd. On the 29th,

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both fleets met, with much joy and cheerfulness, and the Generals ordered us to Dover to victual, and then to repair to them. They passed Dover May 1. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 4. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To write to the deputies of Scotland that Council has under consideration the continuing of the civil government and assessments, and in case they have anything to communicate thereupon, some of the Council will meet such of their members as they like to send, at 3 p.m. on Friday at Whitehall.

2. Major-General Harrison and Mr. Carew to consider the state of the excise, and confer with fit persons thereupon, and report what should be done. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **7.**]

3. Major-General Desborow and Col. Bennet to draw up an instrument for continuing the power, rules, and Commissioners in the last Act of assessment for raising 12,000*l.* a month, leaving a blank for the time, with power to send for and employ Capt. Deane and other suitable persons. [*I.* 69, *p.* 18.]

May 4. **8.** Petition of Edmund Felton to Lord General Cromwell, for leave to ride in his regiment of Life Guards. Has spent much time and money to do the State service by his inventions, but has not been able to get a trial thereof, nor for the last 12 years obtain justice against that great malignant, the late Sir Hen. Spiller, for great oppressions and losses which were set out in books printed and twice presented to each member of the Parliament, including his Excellency. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 4. **9.** Account by the Commissioners of Prize Goods of the malpractices of Otho George and others interested in the three silver ships, Salvador, Samson, and George. That they made the purser alter his book, taking out the names of all Hollanders and Zealanders, and inserting others. That they threw letters overboard tied to an iron bar, on coming into the Downs. That they threatened and attacked the surgeon and others who could bear evidence against them. That they said at Calais they were for Amsterdam, but hearing of the war breaking out, said they were for Ostend. That they altered their bills of lading, and tried to hide the silver. That they contradict themselves in swearing, pretend to be Hamburghers, though only speaking low Dutch, &c. &c. [3 *pages.*]

May 4. Bristol. **10.** Thos. Shewell to the Navy Commissioners. The seamen of the Discovery came to me for an answer to their petition. I ordered them to go on board and obey their commanders, but they all refused to go to sea without money. I had a guard of soldiers ready, told the captain to point the leading spirits, and three were sent to the castle; they are all quiet, but will not serve under Capt. Marryott; they complain of him and he of them. I have pressed other men for the ship, and sent these to Portsmouth. As the three committed are now very submissive, I beg you will order their discharge, unless you think it would be an ill precedent. [1 *page.*]

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May 4. **11.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners consider a letter annexed, and give order therein. [1¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

11. I. *The Generals* [*at sea to the Admiralty Commissioners*]. *As to the mutinous carriage of the Discovery's men, we think in the present state of affairs that, as they have been long on shore, and have run into debt, they should have two months' pay and be ordered to come aboard to us, to prevent discontent.*—1 *May* 1653 [⅓ *page.*]

May 4. Deal. **12.** John Carter to the Navy Commissioners. I have pressed 114 men in the places I was sent to, but those at Hastings have not pressed a man, and I could only press 2 there; so you may judge of their love to you. There are 33 vessels at Brighton and they have but 10 men in the service. I hope to man the Golden Cock when she is afloat, and to press them before would be loss of money, as we should get none of them. I have received 10 sick men from the fleet, and orders from Major Bourne to provide for them. I want to know what is to be allowed for them. There are five private men-of-war here, three from Dover and two from Rye, who receive and hide the seamen as long as there is any press in the town. When they are out at sea, one of your frigates should take most of their men, for they all have aboard men to whom I have given press and conduct-money. I want money, having paid 13*l.* and being at 4*l.* a week charge. What shall I give soldiers and seamen discharged for sickness, but without certificates for relief? I put in prison at Hythe two men whom I had pressed at Rye and sent to Chatham, but I met them again going for Dover, and put them in prison there. I wish you to ask the Mayor of Hythe how they came be set at liberty. [1 *page.*]

May 4. Tynemouth Castle. **13.** Capt. Jno. Topping to the Admiralty Commissioners. As you approve the course taken with the mutinous seamen of Robt. Cockerell, master of the Robert of Ipswich, I have ordered Capt. Thos. Wilkes to secure them and send them to you. He sailed on the 3rd, convoying 150 colliers. To-day 50 light-ships came in from the south. The Council of State has ordered the staying of all vessels here for a convoy, as seamen are always ready to sail again, though it be into the enemy's mouth. Please to send a special order for their stay. By order of the late Council of State, I took bond of a Lynn merchant to appear before them for drinking the health of Van Tromp and De Witt, and abusing the Custom House officers at Newcastle, who reported him. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

13. I. *Statement by Robert Cockerell, that his men being stopped for want of wind, all threatened to desert unless paid* 10s. *each more than the price agreed on, though he offered to give them what other masters paid. They said they would come on shore, induce others to do the same, come up to London, and serve on the State's ships.*—20 *April* 1653. [1⅓ *pages.*]

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1. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the usefulness of Dover pier for public service, and how far the State is obliged to be at the charge of repairing it, and to report.

2. The searchers and other officers who have seized the 1,500*l.* in gold at Dover, put aboard a ship to be transported, to effectually prosecute the same at law, that it may be brought to a speedy judgment.

3. The persons appointed by Council to consider the manner of taking the accounts of the commonwealth are to proceed with the particulars clearly excepted from the Act of general pardon, and Council will consider the other particulars now presented.

4. The 50 Dutch prisoners sent to Marlborough to be removed to Reading in Berks, owing to a great loss by fire which the town of Marlborough has had. The Mayor to see that the prisoners are safely conducted.

5. To write to the Mayor of Reading of the coming of the said prisoners, and that 6*d.* a day is allowed for their maintenance, to be paid by the Commissioners for Dutch Prizes, and to desire him to provide lodgings for them.

6. Major-General Lambert and Mr. Strickland to go to Lord Fairfax, with the complaints concerning the Isle of Man, and the papers in Council concerning the matter to be given them.

7. The bear baiting, bull baiting, and playing for prizes by fencers hitherto practised in Southwark and other places, which have caused great evils and abominations, to be suppressed from this time. Cols. Cooper and Pride, Mr. Hyland, and Major Allen to carry out this order.

8. The petition of Dr. Gourdon's patients in Ely House to be sent to the persons to whom it was referred, who are to examine the condition of Ely House, and certify.

9. Mr. Blackborne to speak with Robert Downe concerning some captives at Sally in Barbary, and to make an agreement with him concerning their redemption, and report. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **14.**]

10. The persons appointed to examine the state of the prison of the Upper Bench to consider the petition of the prisoners for debt at Ludgate, and to examine the state of that prison.

11, 12, 13. William Rowe to be continued in the same employment in the present Committee of Scotch and Irish Affairs as in the late Committee for six months, from June 1st, and to be paid 300*l.* a year out of the Council's exigency money; the six months up to 1 June, to be paid for at the former rate.

14. Sir Oliver Fleming to inform the messenger that brought the letter from the States General of the United Provinces that Council intend sending an answer by a messenger of their own, and that his stay here is no longer necessary. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 20–23.]

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The Resolution, 5 leagues from the Texel.

15. John Poortmans to [Robt. Blackborne]. The fleet have taken 54 Dutch fisher boats since arriving off the coast, and sent their men home by a council of war. The fishermen say that Van Tromp

has gone northward with a fleet of 80 men-of-war and 200 merchant ships, and we are making all the sail we can after him, and hope to overtake him at Shetland or thereabouts. I will send a list of the English fleet by the next, as perfect as I can. We shall do little abroad unless those that fear the Lord wrestle in prayer for us at home. [1 *page.*]

May 5. Portsmouth. **16.** John Holt to Rob. Blackborne. On reference from the Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners, as to what rent was to be paid to Mrs. Boate for her house at Portsmouth, they certified 22*l.* 10*s.*, she paying all taxes. I hope an order will be obtained from the Admiralty Committee to that effect. [⅔ *page.*]

May 5. Bristol. **17.** Capt. Thos. Marryott to Generals Deane and Blake. As our men appear sorry for what they have done, and are willing to come on board, and as the three in prison are also penitent, I desire their offence may be passed over, and they will take this as a warning. We are taking our guns and shot on board, and I hope to make up my number of men this week. [⅔ *page.*]

May 5. Bristol. **18.** Capt. Thos. Marryott to the Navy Commissioners. To the same effect. Most of the men are willing to come on board, and the rest have tickets for Portsmouth, and indeed I do not want them on board. [⅔ *page.*]

May 5. **19.** Hen. Roach and William Wood to the [Navy Commissioners]. We hope the ship bound for Scotland will be ready in five or six days. Please send one of your own officers to procure an order from the Lord General to Col. Fitch, or his deputy at Inverness, to put into his hands 400*l.* or 500*l.* to pay for labour, land carriage, and the masts, to be paid by our orders, 50*l.* or 60*l.* at a time, as the men require it; also let there be a guard, if the country is not quiet. [½ *page.*]

May 5. ORDERS in the ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

20. That 180 soldiers, whom Col. Pride is desired to draw out of his regiment, be sent down to the Hope, for manning of ships named, and that the Navy Commissioners take care to provide vessels to convey them thither. [¾ *page.*]

21. That the annexed lists be referred to the Navy Commissioners, who are to make out a bill to Lieut.-Col. Worsley for 61*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* spent for shirts for the soldiers sent to sea from the Lord General's foot regiment, and to order the clerks of the check on the ships where the soldiers serve to charge the sums upon them, that they may be deducted at their payment. [1 *page.*]

22. That such of the commanders and officers in a list given as are in town attend at the Admiralty Chamber, Whitehall, at 3 p.m. to-day. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

22. I. *List of* 23 *ships, with names of* 19 *captains and* 12 *lieutenants.* [1 *page.*]

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May 5. London. **23.** Miles Woodshaw to Lord Conway. I waited by your order on Col. Cromwell, who was with the Lord General yesterday, and acquainted him with your business, but my lord desired to be excused for four or five days, because of urgent business; so the colonel has resolved not to give it to him until he is sure he has time to read it and consider. I will not fail to get you a copy of the bond when it is time, but there is no hope of it at present, as they are taken up with other business.

I am glad to hear Mr. Conway has made so good an end of his business, and I hope he will soon return. Mr. Fremantle presents his duty; he is not strong enough to ride so far, and his clothes are not good enough to wait on you; but if you will order some for him, he may be the better able to wait on you.

Pray recommend my brother Wallace as a servant in a noble family, for which he is very fit. I cannot command 5*l.* of all that is owing me, nor sell to have advantage the things you left in my hand, but I have taken some money on them, for present need. [1 *page.*]

May 6. **24.** Petition of the Merchant Adventurers to the Council of State. By two obsolete statutes of 27 and 33 Hen. VIII., no cloth above 4*l.* in value was allowed to be exported unbarbed and unshorn, but the increase in the price of wools, and the decrease in the standard of money since then has been such that these statutes have been dispensed with, as injurious to the Customs, and also to the clothmakers and merchants, and licenses were granted to the fellowship, or to noble persons at Court till 6 Eliz., when the Queen granted the company a license to export 30,000 cloths a year, 5,000 of any price, and 25,000 not to exceed 6*l.*, unbarbed and unshorn.

In 8 Eliz. Parliament ordered that for every 9 cloths exported undressed, one should be taken dressed. By these statutes, the London clothworkers prosecute one of our members, Thos. Stubbing, in the Upper Bench, and will obtain a verdict against him by the letter of the law, and so against the whole fellowship, for his case is every man's case, and by revival of these laws, the trade in white cloth, which employs thousands of poor, must stand still, for strangers will not buy dressed white cloth. We beg a prohibition to the Clothworkers' Company, and Nathan Neale, their informer, to prosecute the case further, till it has been fully heard before Council, or we may be vexed every hour on obsolete penal laws. Signed Sam. Avery, governor. [1 *sheet.*]

May 6. Order that Nathan Neale, mentioned in the petition, attend Council on Monday at 10 a.m.

Also that the statutes mentioned in the petition, and what is offered against them, be referred to fit persons to be appointed to consider this matter and the state of trade in the commonwealth, and upon hearing both parties, they are to report. [*I.* 69, *p.* 24.]

[May 6.] **25.** Petition of William Pennoyer and Rich. Hill, merchants of London, to the Council of State, for a warrant to enable their two vessels, with 12 and 16 men, laden with dried fish from Newfoundland, to pass to Spain and Italy. Have twice before taken up ships

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for transporting the fish bought last May, but they were detained and employed for the service. Run the risk of losing their goods which are of a perishable nature. [1 *page.*]

May 6. **25.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅔ *page Also I.* 69, *p.* 25.]

May 6. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Gilbert Pickering to be President of the Council for the next week.

3. The members to consider fit persons to be Commissioners for Trade, and to bring in names on Tuesday.

5. The bail given by Capt. Saltonstall in the Admiralty Court in reference to his trial to be discharged. The Admiralty Judges to be informed thereof.

6. To write to Resident Bradshaw to order him to renew his demand to the Senate of Hamburg for the cloth ship taken in the Elbe, and to insist upon an answer. A paper to be sent to the Resident from Hamburg here to the same effect.

7. The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a fit convoy to bring the ship Loyalty from Calais, and the petition from persons interested in the ship to be sent them with this order.

8. The letter written by several Englishmen now prisoners in the Low Countries to be sent to the Generals of the fleet, who are to consider of fit exchanges for them, and give directions accordingly.

9. Robert Manley, merchant of London, to prove in the Admiralty Court the loss he pretends to have sustained by the Dutch, and upon the certificate thereof by the Admiralty Judges, Council will consider his petition.

11. The business of Ireland to be resumed to-morrow.

12. The charge given in by Cheeseman against Mr. Moyer and others being but in general terms, nothing can be done until particulars are received.

13. The petition of Joshua Joslyn, James Haviland, and Thos. Merchant referred to Cornelius Holland and Cols. Goffe, Scroope, and Bingham, who are to hear the parties concerned and report.

14. The petition concerning the tobacco in Gloucestershire to be debated on Monday, and the article concerning the business to be brought in to Council then.

17. Major-General Lambert and Mr. Strickland, to confer with the Scotch deputies in the Horse chamber on the present settlement of the civil government and assessment in Scotland.

19. [John] Coffy and [Martin] Brice to give good bail to appear on summons of Council.

20, 21. Theodore Jennings to be committed to the Serjeant-at-arms, for letting Francis Dowde, who was committed upon supposition of counterfeiting several warrants of Council, escape. Lieut.-Col. Worsley and Thos. Margetts to examine him and other persons concerning the business, and to report.

22. Council being informed of obstructions in the receipt of excise, some of the Commissioners of Excise are to attend at 8 a.m. to-

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morrow, bringing with them the grounds and reasons of the obstructions and the remedies they think fit to be applied.

23. The same order to be sent to—

The Commissioners of Customs.

The Commissioners for sale of and composition for delinquents' lands.

The Commissioners for Dutch Prizes.

The Collectors of Prizes.

The Commissioners for sale of houses and parks.

24, 25. [Rich.] Bradshaw's bill for 2,000*l.* for powder and masts to be accepted and paid, and he to be informed of this, and that the masts already bought will be fetched away; but he is to be desired to buy no more under 20 palms high, and ordered to buy 2,000 barrels of powder at the rate of * * * [*I.* 69, *pp.* 24–29.]

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1, 2. Toby Bonnel to carry the letter to the Low Countries, to have the same instructions as he had before, and to be allowed 50*l.* for his expenses.

3. The papers sent from Scotland by Col. Lilburne referred to the Committee for Scotch and Irish Affairs, to report.

4. The petition of Seward Serkes and Ryend Serkes, with the certificates of the Commissioners of Prize Goods, to be sent to the Admiralty Judges, who are to proceed according to law.

5. The Commissioners from Drury House to be heard on Monday.

6. Sir Oliver Fleming and Mr. Thurloe to inform the commissary of the Queen of Sweden residing here of the reasons why the State was obliged to use the commodities of the ships from Sweden lately arrived in the Downs, and that they will pay the full value.

7. The Master of the Mint to attend Council at 4 p.m.

9. The letter now read to the city of Emden to be sent by the messenger who brought a letter from that city to Parliament.

10. The two petitions of James Wainwright and Henry Ballow referred to the Customs' Commissioners, who are to examine the business, and if they think fit, to admit of a post entry.

11. The report concerning the Mint and Mr. Blondeau to be brought in on Wednesday. Sir James Harrington to send the papers concerning the business.

16. Bail to be given by John Coffy and Martin Brice for six months.

17. The petition and remonstrance of the contracted farmers to be considered when the bill concerning forests and chases is renewed.

18. Mr. Thurloe to write to the Governor of Calais in behalf of Humphrey Taylor, merchant of London, in the name of Council, and a paper concerning the same to be sent to M. Bourdeaux.

19. The carrying of inland letters, both private and public, to be managed only by those authorised by the State.

All [public] packets and letters, outward or inward, to be carried free, whether they are extraordinary or ordinary.

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The inland Post Committee to consider what letters are to be considered public, and how the sending of private letters under public packets may be prevented.

The postmasters and others employed by Mr. Prideaux to be continued in their employment, if they will accept thereof, and such others as are placed in the several stages, to be approved by the General or Council.

The persons who are to manage the carriage of letters to be well affected, and to be responsible for their speedy and safe conveyance.

The Post Committee to fix the rates for private letters.

One or more packet boats to be maintained to go between Milford and Waterford, and between Chester and Dublin, that weekly intercourse may be continued between England and Ireland.

Posts to be established between Dover and Portsmouth, Portsmouth and Salisbury, London and Yarmouth, and Lancaster and Carlisle.

The inland Post Committee to receive propositions for farming the carrying of letters, and to consider if it be well to manage the business by contract or on account, and to report what annual sum shall be thought necessary for the management thereof by farming. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **26***a.*]

20. Sir James Hope added to the Commission of Justice for Scotland.

25. The Jesuits and seminary priests apprehended by a warrant of the late Council of 13 April 1653, to be carried before the next justices of peace, to be proceeded against according to law. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 30–38.]

May 7.
The Resolution.

27. Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Committee. The contract for the Giles being nearly expired, and her victuals expended, we have ordered her to London, and taken 20 barrels of powder out of her for the fleet, for which we promised ready money at 4*l.* 12*s.* per barrel; we therefore desire your order to the Treasurer for payment. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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The Resolution, 50 leagues off Newcastle.

28. Generals Deane and Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We have sent in, by Capt. Toope of the Giles, two vessels with deals, one of which is a Hollander, and the other pretends to belong to Nieuport; but if she does not prove a prize, her deals may be bought; also some Dutch prisoners belonging to a man-of-war for your disposal. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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Deal.

29. Capt. Robert Clarke to the Navy Commissioners. I have come in by order of the Generals to Major Bourne, and will make all despatch for Chatham. I parted from the fleet off the Texel on Friday the 5th, the Holland fleet having sailed 16 hours before we came in. Our fleet has gone northward after them. The report of an engagement is false, but we took some 50 sea busses, and a small man-of-war of six guns. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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30. Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. I perceive you have not received my account of the goods I purchased from the Swedes; it cannot be prejudicial to the State, although I acted on my own judgment. The Merlin has returned from Dunkirk with a convoy of six or seven vessels, with tar, pitch, and hemp, and left there seven or eight great ships from Sweden and Hamburg with similar goods, intending to ship them over hither in small vessels, which will make these stores cheaper daily. There are sick men sent on shore, and now under the care of Mr. Carter, but no orders for their supply. Pray say what allowance they should have. I heard last night that our fleet was engaged with the Dutch off Scheveling Bay, but can hear no further. [1 *page.*]

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31. Petition of Jonas Grosvenear, gentleman, and 28 other youths of Wolverhampton, co. Stafford, to the "worthily renowned" Lord Gen. Cromwell. On "the happy tidings of that most glorious and never-to-be-forgotten achievement of dissolving the late Parliament," we did, on May 2 last, erect a May-pole, being an ancient custom, for no purpose but to express our great joy for that most noble performance of the army. But this action was distasted by our ministers, two most rigid and malicious presbyters, whose private consultation and purchase and storing of arms may be more dangerous than our inoffensive solace. These men say that the cause we allege for setting up the pole "was rather matter of humiliation than congratulation," and have so highly incensed the justices of peace of the county that we were summoned before them. Nothing of misdemeanour was proved against us, and then they urged us extremely to take an oath to answer certain questions. We refused this, fearing a trap, and then they issued warrants to apprehend us.

We beg not to be ruined to satisfy their thirst of revenge, nor exposed to the tyranny of those whom nothing will satisfy but a power of regulating all men by the square of their own private fancies.

We will ever serve you with life and fortune, and pray for the prosperity of your noble and worthy enterprises. [1 *sheet.*]

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London.

32. Certificate by Capt. Rich. Badiley that the Peregrine, John Wood commander, was hired for the service by Charles Longland, while she lay in Leghorn Mould, last October, at 3*l.* 15*s.* a month. That the captain had liberty to entertain 108 men, and whatever were wanting of that number, an abatement of 45*s.* a head per month was to be made. That the commander and her company were very ready to follow the orders given them, and showed great courage before the dispute. That on March 4 last, after her main and mizen mast had been shot, and most of her men slain or wounded, she surrendered to the enemy, when those who were appointed for her relief did not prosecute what was expected of them. [¾ *page.*]

32. I. *Depositions on interrogatories of John Butt, of Redrith Wall, Surrey, carpenter of the Peregrine, on behalf of Saml.*

Wilson and other owners. Was shipped for a voyage from London for Venice, &c., and on entering Leghorn, the ship was taken up to serve the State against the Dutch. She was 300 *tons burden, and carried* 32 *pieces of ordnance. On March* 4 *last, she and five other ships, being in Leghorn Road, were met with and set upon by* 27 *Dutch men-of-war, and a sharp and bloody fight ensued for seven hours, in which Capt. Wood and his company behaved themselves very stoutly, and like Englishmen; but the captain and* 20 *of his men were killed, many more wounded, and the ship was much torn and battered. Her company defended her until she was boarded, and ready to be overmastered by three Holland men-of-war, and there not being men enough left to stand by her guns, and no means of escaping, she being brought to a wreck and not fit for service or resistance, she was entered and taken by the Dutch.*

Before the fight she was worth, with her furniture, 4,500*l. The fitting out and providing her with victuals, furniture, &c. in the Straits for her voyage stood the owners in much more than it would have cost in England, more particularly the carpenters' work and materials, the cost of which was double to what it would have been in England. With similar depositions of Isaac Jacquett, of Plymouth, late boatswain, and Gregory Bernard, of Limehouse, late steward of the said ship.—May* 5, 1653. [*Copies,* 10 *pages.*]

May 8. Deal. **33.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. The Reserve, Capt. Clarke, has come in from the Texel, where he left our fleet going on Friday at 4 p.m., nine leagues off the Texel, sailing towards Shotland, hearing that the Dutch fleet of 80 sail were gone there the day before. I want a ship to carry masts and yards, to go to the Humber with the provision ships for the fleet; also orders how to dispose of the Cock now in the Downs, which will be ready in four or five days. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 9. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Gualter Frost to be assistant to Mr. Thurloe, secretary of Council.

2. On the address from the Governor of Upnor Castle about repairing that part of the castle which was burnt, Mr. Pett, Major Bourne, and Mr. Taylor are to view the castle, and state of what service it would be to the navy, with the reasons of their opinions.

3. Major Bourne to view Dover pier, and certify of what use it would be in the public service, and how far the State is obliged to be at the charge of repairing it. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., Nos.* **34, 35.**]

4. To write Major Bourne that there is a richly laden English vessel at Calais, bound for London, and he is to appoint a convoy, with respect to the orders given by the Generals.

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5. The Act whereby the Admiralty Commissioners and the Commissioners for Inspection sit to be brought in this afternoon.

6. The Commissioners of Dutch Prizes to attend this afternoon, to state why they do not deliver the gold according to the order of the former Council.

7. Major-General Harrison and Col. Bennet to confer with those persons sent from Marlborough, concerning the nominating of a Committee to make a collection throughout the nation for those who have suffered by the late fire, and to report the names to Council.

8. A letter to be prepared to the Lord Mayor of London, and to the mayors of boroughs and towns, and to the sheriffs, and justices of the peace in the respective counties, to further this collection, leaving a blank for the names of those to whom the money is to be paid. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 39–41.]

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Whitehall.

Council of State to the Commissioners for sale of Prize Goods. An order was given to the Commissioners for Dutch Prizes, on an order in the Admiralty Court, to restore the gold in the Christina and North Copping, which was laid up in the Tower for security; but this having been delayed, the Queen of Sweden's commissary residing here has applied to Council for its confirmation. There being no reason for its detention, you are to restore it according to former order. [*I.* 69, *p.* 41.]

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Whitehall.

36. Admiralty Committee to the Generals at sea. Since your sailing from the Downs, we have endeavoured to get the provisions you wrote for ready to follow the fleet, as will be seen by the enclosed particular of such vessels as are to sail with Capt. Strong on Thursday. We have obtained my Lord's warrant for 140 barrels of powder from Hull, which Capt. Strong will take in there, and call at Yarmouth for the powder that came from Scarborough, and for the 120 barrels that were to be supplied from Harwich and Yarmouth, which with the 200 sent by the Sapphire, and 500 that Col. Lilburne is to furnish you in Scotland, will be a competent proportion for the present occasion.

We have written to Hull and Newcastle, and to the Commissioners at Leith, for speedily impressing such men as can be raised in those parts, and hope they will put them on board such of the ships as touch at any of those places; Col. Lilburne has orders from the General to have a regiment of land soldiers ready on the coast of Scotland, for your further supply if need require, and the victuallers have appointed Mr. Eldred at Leith to furnish you with water, for the hastening of which we have entreated the Commissioners there to contribute their utmost assistance, as also for employing some ketches upon that coast for gaining intelligence from you, and also of the enemies' motion. The 300 landmen put on board the merchant ships in the Hope shall be sent on board the ships that accompany Capt. Strong, and we believe that within a few days, there may be at least 20 more ships ready to sail, in which respect, as also of the probability of Capt. Badiley's arrival in the Channel

ere long, we should be glad instructions were sent for their disposal. What further supplies shall be wanting for the fleet, in case you apprehend your stay may be long in those parts, upon notice of the particulars, we will endeavour to provide and despatch. [*Copy*, 1 *page.*]

May 9. Yarmouth. **37.** Rob. Harmer and John Arnold, bailiffs of Great Yarmouth, to the Admiralty Committee. We have heard but little of the fleet. Capt. Wetwang, of the Sparrow, has taken two private Dutch men-of-war, and sent one to Bridlington and the other to Lynn. He spoke yesterday with the Sapphire, seven leagues off the Spurn. She was hastening with 12 other ships after the fleet, which has taken 40 or 50 Flemish pinks. Divers Dutchmen taken at sea have been brought in here, and many more may come; what is to be done with them? We find the English taken by the Dutch are put into chains, kept close prisoners, and inhumanly used, and they have now upwards of 70 Yarmouth men in prison at Amsterdam, whose pitiful condition may be seen by a letter we send you, and for whose deliverance we beg some means may be used. [1 *page. See pp.* 287–8, *supra.*]

May 9. Yarmouth. **38.** Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. The vessel that carried the packet has returned, and as she could not find the fleet, gave it to Capt. Dornford, of the Portsmouth, who was going after them with five frigates and two fire-ships. We heard that Van Tromp sailed from Goree on Wednesday, and our fleet were within eight hours' sail of them; also that he heard many guns go on Friday, and believed the fleets were engaged. This morning Capt. Wilkes has come in, and delivered me 72 barrels of powder, and says the Tenth Whelp has a larger quantity on board, but he could not overtake him. I told Capt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth, who has gone to London with two vessels with guns, to call at Harwich for 20 barrels more, and bring them to Yarmouth. [1 *page.*]

May 9. 8 p.m., Gravesend. **39.** Capt. William Wildey to the Admiralty Committee. I waited on General Blake in the Hope, and am now attending his commands. The ships that came last want men and victuals, as also gunners and gunners' stores. The 300 soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment have been put on board the victualling ships, by Commissioner Pett's order. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 9. The Assurance. **40.** Capt. Phil. Holland to Lord General Cromwell, Whitehall. We had an order on May 1 to go to the fleet on the coast of Holland, but hearing on the 7th from Capt. Clarke, of the Reserve, whom we met 12 leagues off the Maese, that it had gone for Shotland, we made for Hull by a verbal order from the Generals, given us by him; but the wind shifting, we were constrained to ply to Scarborough, because the vessels along with us could not hold up. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 9. Bristol. **41.** Capt. Thos. Marryott to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Shewell and I have pressed many men here, but hardly one in 10 appear.

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Ships come in daily, but there is hardly a man to be got out of them; they set them ashore five or six miles beyond Kingroad, where a point of land prevents our seeing them, and come in with the master and officers, a few boys, and perhaps some passengers; (Noted, Make application to the mayor and justices). 80 ought to have been got out of these ships, and there are not 10. If you meet a man in the streets and give him money, he promises to come, but he hides. We cannot carry them with us, and while we are pressing one, another runs away. The Act is strict, but will be little minded unless some are made examples. I think the goods of those that hide should be stayed, as most of them have adventures on their ships, and then they must appear, and wages are due to 100 of them.

Three ships came in last night, but we got only four men. The officers father their chests or they are empty; the masters are in fault; they might keep their boats on board, and not suffer the men to go to shore. Mr. Shewell thinks there are 500 now in the city.

We are taking our guns and ammunition, and shall be ready next week. We have given tickets for Portsmouth to 20 or 25 of our men, who were obstinate, and would not go on board without money, thinking they might as well absent themselves there as here. They had gone before we received your letter that they should have two or three months' pay to redeem their clothes and reckonings with their hosts, but it is very welcome news at their quarters, for the women were bringing in their bills, and are glad to get some of their money. The men that are in prison are sorry for what they have done, and promise not to do the like. Pray release them, and take them on again at Portsmouth. [2 *pages.*]

May 9. Leghorn. **42.** Charles Longland to Col. Geo. Thompson. I wrote you 14 days since what information I had of this Prince's interests, in case Holland should have declared for the King of Scots. His carriage has been very suitable thereto, especially in thrusting out of port the State's ships into the jaws of the enemy, of all passages of which I gave the State a weekly account, and have been very chary not to aggravate anything, whereby any breach might happen.

I know the State will consider all things, and in their wisdom do what is most convenient; meantime Capt. Badiley will give you a fuller relation, but I will give you my opinion freely, as you allow it, that the Duke, seeing our ships lying in this port and Longone besieged by a potent enemy eight months, and without the least show of succour from England, did what is usual in the world, join himself with the strongest, and expel our ships from his port. I know that the great occasion the State has in the Channel must and ought to be first provided for, yet I am confident four sail sent hither last December, with 500 supernumerary men, had rendered our ships masters of these seas, which is the centre of trade, and the public theatre looked upon by all the world; so that if you intend to maintain trade, which is a great part of our nation's happiness, it will be as necessary to keep a good fleet in the Straits as in the

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Narrow Seas. If at this present the State send out but 20 sail, with commanders that are fighting men, I am confident they may destroy all the Dutch in these seas, and make themselves masters thereof.

Here are at present 14 Dutch men-of-war, amongst which is the Leopard, which has not above 70 men on board, and the rest are very slightly manned, they having lost many men in these two fights. Nine of their ships are gone for the Levant, to meet the Venice ships, who departed thence on the 2nd instant, intending for Alicant, to join with what ships the State sends into those seas, or in want thereof, to go directly home.

The State ordered me to provide 4,000 barrels of powder, if to be had at 4*l.* 10*s.* per barrel; it is now preparing, and if no ships are sent out to take it in, I hope they will send order for its disposal; if a larger quantity is required, I will go on providing of it. We understand there are some overtures of a treaty between the two commonwealths, which I hope will take effect. [2 *pages.*]

May 10. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Bingham to attend Council at Whitehall at 3 p.m.

2. The business concerning writs of error to be considered to-morrow.

4. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider and report what should be done concerning the settlement of the Isle of Jersey, and what relates to the examining of the account of Charles Maret, receiver of the revenue there.

5. Mr. Thurloe to confer with Mr Bence, Mr. Moyer, and Capt. Ryder, concerning the returning of the 15,000*l.* now at Deal, appointed for the redeeming of English captives, to some place in Italy, where it is to be used for that purpose, and to report.

6, 7. The petitions of Lewis Parent, and of the English merchants trading in France, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to examine and report. Sir William Constable and Cols. Ingoldsby and Rich added to that Committee. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 43, 44.]

May 10. The Phœnix, Downs.

43. Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. The Phœnix and Constant Warwick have come in, with some other ships which may prove prizes. They left Capt. Badiley with four ships and several merchant ships. I have sent to the Admiralty Committee for orders, so that they may not lose any time. If it blows southerly, I shall encourage them to come to Lee Road. [⅔ *page.*]

May 10. The Resolution, before Aberdeen.

44. Generals Deane and Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We are on the Scotch coast, looking after the Dutch fleet, but have no fresh news. We will leave orders at Tantallon, Aberdeen, and Dunottar Castle, for all ships coming that way to join us, and shall take in water here. We desire you will not forget to send us a provision of victuals, &c., otherwise we shall be forced to come in within two months. The water ships can come with them. [1 *page.*]

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May 10. The Resolution, Aberdeen.

45. John Poortmans to Robert Blackborne. We have got so far in pursuance of the last results of a council of war, and are taking in water. We have no further intelligence of the Dutch fleet than what was received from the fishermen taken on the coast of Holland. [½ *page.*]

May 10. Harwich.

46. Capt. Robt. Wilkinson to the Admiralty Committee. I have arrived safe with my convoys. Since I left Yarmouth Roads, I spoke with some vessels at sea, who told me of six Holland ships of war off Orfordness; one of them offered me battle, thinking to surprise some of my convoys, but after receiving six shots he, like a valiant Hollander, ran away. Now that our fleets are to the northward, there are several private men-of-war from Flushing upon the coast, and as they may do much harm, a man-of-war ought to be sent to look after them. I am forced here by winds, but hope soon to sail for London. [⅔ *page, with shorthand notes of a reply.*]

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47. Order in the Admiralty Committee, on the propositions agreed upon between them and the Generals, that the officers of land soldiers (*i.e.*, a serjeant and two corporals for each 60 men) who have been employed since 6 February shall receive pay as at land, according to the establishment before the last augmentation, viz., 1*s.* 6*d.* a day for a serjeant and 12*d.* for a corporal. The Navy Commissioners to make allowance accordingly, in pursuance of an order of Council. [¾ *page.*]

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2. The letter now read to the Generals of the fleet approved, and to be signed, and sent.

3. The trustees of Drury House to attend Council at 3 p.m.

4. Mr. Thurloe to prepare a letter to be signed by the Lord General, to be sent to the Lord Commissioners of the Great Seal, to represent the inconvenience of granting writs of error frequently, and to request them to forbear granting any more, according to a late Act of Parliament.

5. Col. Pride and Lieut.-Col. Worsely to confer with the Admiralty Commissioners this afternoon.

7. Col. Goffe, Col. Kelsey, — Haynes, Capt. Blackwell, Capt. Deane, Mr. Hutchinson, and Mr. Jackson, to consider how the Treasuries of the commonwealth may be best managed, and to report with all convenient speed.

8, 9. Approval of Major-Gen. Lambert's conduct in apprehending some persons who had appointed the fighting of a duel, and Major-Gen. Desborow and Col. Bennet to examine the business of the challenge made and accepted, and report.

10. The Commissioners for sale of Prize Goods to send to Council every Monday an account of what money they have each week received and disbursed, and what ready money remains in their hands.

11. Viscount Lisle to be heard in Council at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

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12. Major-Generals Lambert and Harrison, Mr. Strickland, and Col. Bennet to consider the paper read this day from the Commissioners for sale of Prize Goods on the proceedings in the Admiralty Court, with the papers from the Inspection Commissioners relating to matters of that nature, to confer with the Admiralty Judges, the Prize Goods' Commissioners, and other persons, and upon consideration of the whole matter, to report what should be done for redressing the grievances therein complained of.

13. The letter from Capt. Badiley in the Downs to be considered in the afternoon.

14. Mr. Trapham to be joined to the physician, surgeon, and apothecary of Ely House, in making choice of soldiers who are to be sent from thence to the Bath, for the recovery of their limbs and perfecting their cures.

15. Col. Pride, Col. Grosvenor, and Lieut-Col. White to take account of the present state of the Savoy, and to report.

16. Mr. Thurloe to consider whether Giles Calvert, — Ibotson, — Hill, or — Brewster is most fitted to be printer to Council.

17. Two of the Commissioners for removing obstructions, two of the Commissioners of Haberdashers' Hall, and two of the trustees of Drury House to attend on Friday at 9 a.m.

18. The Marshal-General to inquire what Dutch prisoners are now in the commonwealth, and to send in a list of them, expressing their qualities.

19. To write the Generals that Council is arranging an equal exchange of prisoners, and that any they take should be kept till they can be exchanged for others of an equal quality.

20. The petition of Stephen Cacket, Richard Spake, and Johan Morris referred to the Navy Commissioners, who are to report to Council if they apprehend anything extraordinary should be done.

21. To inform the Dutch Prize Commissioners that Capt. Badiley, now in the Downs, has a quantity of lime aboard the ships which he took as prizes, and they are to inquire about it, and see that it is disposed of to the best advantage.

22. The Admiralty Commissioners to send in a list of the State and other ships set forth or to be set forth this summer, expressing where they now are.

23. Lord Hopton to be a Commissioner for administration of justice in Scotland, and a commission to be prepared for him in the same form as those which were given by the Commissioners of Parliament in Scotland, *mutatis mutandis.*

24. The persons appointed to consider the inland post to consider the foreign post, and how it may best be managed, and to report the whole business, with any obstructions they may find, by claims or otherwise. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **47***a.*]

26. A contract made by the Ordnance Committee with Henry Machen, to make 6 cwt. of saltpetre weekly in cos. Monmouth, Glamorgan, Radnor, and Brecon, during the time mentioned in the Act, to be delivered to the Ordnance Office in the Tower at 4*l.* per cwt., to begin after August 10, and the money to be paid by the

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treasurer of the navy a month after delivery—approved, and a commission and letters of privilege and assistance to be granted him.

29. Commission appointing Hen. Machen, on the Act of February 9, 1653, for making saltpetre, chief workman and officer for cos. Monmouth, Glamorgan, Radnor, and Brecon, and empowering him to take up workmen, who are to be paid for their labours.

30. Declaration freeing all his workmen and servants from all impress, bearing of arms, or other service, and freeing him from all rates, tolls, and taxes. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 46–54.]

May 11. Council of State to all justices of peace, mayors, sheriffs, &c. in the four said counties. We recommend Hen. Machen especially to your assistance, to give him all encouragement in his work. And as disaffected persons, who care more for a small inconvenience than for a service necessary for the safety of the State, may obstruct him, refuse him carriages, or not allow their grounds to be digged, whereby he would be prevented furnishing the proportions contracted for, you are to give him your best assistance, he paying for carriages and all materials the rates appointed by the Act. The mine of saltpetre is to be preserved, and all who destroy or waste it to be proceeded against. Return us the names of all who do not conform hereto. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 54–56.]

May 11.
Plymouth.

48. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Committee. In answer to yours, asking whether I cannot convey the pressed men to Portsmouth without the Briar and Warwick, I will give you an account of affairs here. Mr. Mill, the press-master, pressed 100 men at Tregoney, Cornwall, ordered them to Fowey, and wrote for the Lily to take them in; this was 25 April, but the Lily was here, with 60 men beside her crew, so I told Mill to send the men here; but only 30 came, the rest refusing to serve, saying Parliament was dissolved, and they were not obliged to serve. I therefore told him, as no shipping was here, to impress all he could, and bid them be ready to be shipped when any frigate came. He therefore pressed 200 more about Falmouth and the Mount, and sent warrants for appearance of those formerly impressed, for the Lily to carry to Portsmouth, and the Briar and Warwick to take the others to Falmouth. You now ask us to convey them some other way, so I propose to send the Lily for them, and put them on board the Success privateer, bound for Portsmouth, and have agreed with the captain for their diet. Then the Lily could fetch those from Falmouth. If you give them conduct money from Cornwall, it will be a great expense, and not half of them would appear. [2 *pages.*]

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Harwich.

49. James Sacke to the Navy Commissioners. Being ordered by the Council of State to impress all able seamen in Harwich and Essex, and send them to Chatham and Deptford, with a list of

them, and also to send an exact list of all mariners belonging to the jurisdiction of this corporation, with promise of payment of expenses, I pressed 25 men in Harwich, and gave them conduct money and tickets, and orders to go to Deptford, and I send a list of the seamen in this town. Let the money disbursed, and what encouragement you may please to bestow for the officers' trouble therein, be paid to the bearer Daniel Smith, the town clerk. [1 *page.*]

May 11. **50.** Order in the Admiralty Committee, on the petition of John Leare for payment of rent for the Hill House, Chatham, employed for the navy, and certified by the Navy Commissioners as worth 20*l.* a year, that this rent be paid from 25 Dec. last, and arrears according to the former allowances granted him. [1 *page.*]

May 12. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The order made by the Committee for Plundered Ministers dated October 15th last, authorising Col. Thomas Pride, John Thorne, George Horne, Thos. Edgley, and others, to provide for the service of the church of Bartholomew the Less, London, to be continued for three months.

2. The examinations made by Major-General Desborow and Col. Bennet, concerning the miscarriage of Lord Falkland and Mr. Hele, in Hyde Park, together with their persons, to be sent to Mr. Scobell, Squibb, and Birket, justices of the peace, who are to proceed therein according to law.

3. Some members of the Grand Committee of the Adventurers for Ireland to attend Council to-morrow at 9 a.m.

4. Col. Clark and Mr. Scobell to compare the powers of the former Acts for disposing forfeited lands in Ireland with those of the Act now under consideration, and to make an extract of them, and also of particular clauses in them referred to in this Act, that they may be inserted if necessary; Mr. Scobell to attend Council at 3 p.m.

5. The master and wardens of the Clothworkers and Nathan Neale to appear to-morrow at 3 p.m.

6. To write the Sheriff of Chester that William Frodsham, prisoner there, condemned to die on the 16th, is reprieved for three months, that Council may receive satisfaction in the business for which he stands condemned.

7. The letter from the city of Bremen to be translated into English, and brought again into Council.

8. To desire the Mayor of Dover, Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, Thos. White, and Capt. Thos. Wilson to sell the Dutch ship and goods brought in by the Advantage frigate to the best advantage. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 60–62.]

May 12. Bridlington Bay. **51.** Wm. Swyer, Jno. Geffery, and Geo. Crapnell, to the Council of State. We will go to Col. Overton at Hull, according to your order, and what provisions and ammunition he shall put into us, we will carry to the fleet. We have one galliot hoy and two hoys under our charge, laden with provisions and ammunition for the fleet, which we will do our best to protect. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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May 12. Bridlington Bay. **52.** John Geffery, Wm. Swyer, and Geo. Crapnell to Col. Overton, Governor of Hull. According to your order, and that of the Council of State, we will make what speed we can to Hull, with the ships under our charge laden with provisions and ammunition for the fleet. [½ *page.*]

May 12. Whitehall. **53.** General Robert Blake to Capt. Grumwell. The Admiralty and Navy Committee having ordered Capt. Marryott, of the Discovery at Bristol, to repair to London, you are to take charge of the Discovery, and with such seamen as you can procure, to set sail with her for Portsmouth, where you shall receive further orders. Endorsed with notes that on Tuesday the Dutch fleet came to the coast of Zealand, and that had 2,000 men landed, they would have run away. That the Hollanders have 120 sail, and keep our men, 70 in number, in chains. [¾ *page.*]

May 12. The Falcon, Leith Road. **54.** Capt. Barth. Yate to the Admiralty Committee. According to your orders for impressing mariners, I pressed several men on the Scotch coast and got them on board, but finding all except 10 were fresh-water fishers, I discharged them. Upon our ship's appearance in the Frith, all the seamen ran away. I conferred with the Commissioners at Leith, who have advised me to go to Tynemouth Bar, and when the seamen return they will secure them, and I can return for them, getting what I can there meantime. My ship is very unserviceable in case of an engagement, having but 22 small guns. I want an order to the Commissioners for Prize Goods at Newcastle to furnish me with guns and carriages, and to the victualler at Hull to supply me with provisions. [¾ *page.*]

May 12. Midnight, Leith. **55.** Edward Syler and Rich. Saltonstall, Commissioners in Scotland, to the Admiralty Committee. The business of impressing mariners has been wholly obstructed by the arrival of Captains Yates and Weires in the Road, which has so frightened the men that it is impossible to procure any; but they will doubtless reappear when these are gone to Newcastle to revictual. We will do our best to secure them by a stratagem all at once, and send them to the fleet, unless we have other orders.

We have just received letters from the Generals to his Excellency, by which we hear that on Tuesday our fleet was at Aberdeen, where they sent in 40 busses and fishermen, which the Prize Commissioners are taking care to secure.

We will assist Mr. Eldred in procuring casks and water for the fleet. We have furnished Capt. Yates with biscuit and butter as he was in want. May we supply other ships in like case and be reimbursed? Col. Lilburne will do all he can to promote the service; he desires us to fit out the Falcon, with promise of reimbursement by you. [2 *pages.*]

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May 12. Deal. **56.** Capt. Rich. Badiley to the Admiralty Committee. Being called on shore to confer with Major Bourne and Capt. Limbery, I saw yours of yesterday, by which I find not only your remembrance of my services, but your commands about the ships of my squadron. I will endeavour to execute your orders, but I fear the carrying on of on service, as there is a wretched distemper of mutiny among my mariners, to go in until they are paid off, or are sent for to the fleet near Lee Road to be called to account for their disobedience; it has made my trouble inexpressible, and tended much to the nation's loss. [¾ *page.*]

May 12. Custom House, Newcastle. **57.** Geo. Dawson to the Admiralty Committee. I despatched the enclosures for the Generals to Col. Lilburne in Scotland, hearing the fleet was to the northward of this haven. The Sapphire has called here for pilots, but we had few fitting men left in the town. I will give notice to all ships calling that the Generals' packets are gone to Leith, that they may call for them.

The Mayor and I help Mr. Taylor as much as we can, but it is sad to think how unwilling we find the mariners; they hide themselves, and can only be taken in bed; 30 or 40 were got at midnight, but they ran away when they had taken impress money, so we are obliged to send them to Tynemouth Castle, to be put on board the first ship, and some were so refractory that the Mayor sent them to prison. If we had a warrant, we could impress 100 or 200 keelmen who would serve as well as London watermen, but it must be by a special order, as it may injure the coal trade. The laden coal fleet left on Monday.

There are 100 sail here ready to go, some for Ipswich, and 40 for London, but they will probably put in to Harwich for fear of a press. Capt. Hen. Toope of the Giles, who came in with letters for Lord Gen. Cromwell, will convoy them.

Mr. Taylor, the press-master, wants money, but the business shall not shirk for that. I will disburse it till further order, though the orders on our customs here are more than the receipts.

P.S.—The ships that called yesterday have pressed so many men from the coal fleet that not half of them can sail with Capt. Toope. The other ships will go without convoy when they can get men. Two able pilots, Jas. Denton and Hen. Bird, got out of the way after taking press money. They should be punished when they appear, as their refractoriness makes others do the like. [3 *pages.*]

May 12. **58.** Miles Woodshaw to Lord Conway. I have been with Col. Cromwell, but he cannot yet find the General at leisure, but will attend him as you commanded. I send Mr. Baldwin's discharge for 20*s.* left out of the last account. Had I not thought myself settled for life, I had not left myself so bare of money, nor need have brought myself into the charge and trouble I am now in. The sum I borrowed on the things is 30*l.*, and the sooner some part is paid, the less charge it will be to you. I assure you I never did anything since I have been your servant that troubles me more than this, and

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had not great necessity drove me to it, it had not been done. I have sent the book to Ragley. I have the key of the garden to Northumberland House, and the other key is delivered. [¾ *page.*]

May 13. **59.** Petition of the Essex and Kentish ketchmen who follow the mackerel season, to the Council of State, for an order to the Navy Commissioners not to press them or their men during the fishing season. There was an order given to protect all mackerel fishers, and victuallers to the city, but no care has been taken about it, so that they cannot follow their employment, and the city wants relief. Are willing to go with two men in seven less than formerly. [1 *page.*]

May 13. Whitehall. **60.** Reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, who are to give special order to the press-masters and others not to molest the men in that fishery, which is so great an advantage to all in these parts. [1 *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 66.]

May 13. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Thurloe to prepare a letter to the Portuguese Ambassador that Council has received his letter, and will be ready, on his addressing himself to them, to give a just and reasonable answer to his desires.

2. To inform the deputies of Scotland that Council will receive what they have to offer on Monday.

3. The bill of exchange for 1,000*l.*, drawn upon Council by the Resident at Hamburg, to be accepted and paid, according to the days of sight. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **61.**]

4. To inform [Hen.] Crisp, merchant of London, that the Resident at Hamburg, having to draw bills of exchange for considerable amounts, which must be drawn on some London merchant and not on Council, it has been ordered that they be drawn upon him, and he is to accept them, and Council will provide money for settling them, according to the days of sight for which they are drawn.

5. Mr. Coytmor to bring in the Mayor of Dover's account of money disbursed by him for relief of sick and wounded seamen and prisoners now at Dover.

6. The petition of Joshua Carteret, gentleman of Jersey, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

7. Petitions which are to be presented to be delivered to Mr. Thurloe, to present to Council.

8. To acquaint the Resident of Hamburg with what Council has ordered concerning the drawing of the bills of exchange, and to desire him to observe the same, and to proceed in making the provisions formerly ordered.

9. Capt. Badiley to bring his squadron into the Swinn or the Nore, whichever he shall think fit.

10. To acknowledge the letter of Capt. Dornford, commander of the Portsmouth frigate at Scarborough, to the Lord General, and to

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inform him that he and the ships with him are to obey the directions of the Generals of the fleet.

12. On a petition by the Merchant Adventurers,—complaining that they are sued by Nathan Neill [or Neale] on behalf of the Clothworkers' Company, on two statutes forbidding the export of white cloth unwrought; that they are ready for trial, and like to be overthrown by the letter of the law, to the great detriment of trade, especially the manufacture of woollen cloth—it was ordered after consultation and by mutual agreement, that the parties proceed to trial, but if the Merchant Adventurers are overthrown, the clothworkers forbear for a year to execute judgment against them, without leave of Council; and forbear likewise after a year, if by that time that trade is brought to a settlement; and that the company be not further molested upon any of those statutes. All persons concerned to take notice. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 64-68.]

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The Paragon, Downs.

62. Capt. Rich. Badiley to the Admiralty Committee. I have conferred with the subordinate commanders as to the necessity of our present going forth to lie in the Narrow, and laboured to compose that disorder and boisterous spirit among the mariners in the frigates, and been from ship to ship to impress upon them the great damage the State has suffered, or is likely to suffer, by their disobedience, and what guilt they will bring on their body and soul by casting themselves upon a trial for life, according to the 11th article of war; and after much insinuating language, I could only prevail with them to take six weeks' victuals, and go out with us, provided I went with this ship, and the rest related to us, but I cannot at all prevail with those on board the Phœnix and Constant Warwick to go forth again upon any service, before they have been in and are paid off, although I laboured to answer all their objections. The company of the former frigate have more reason than the other, being manned with men that belonged to several ships who went to regain her, with no more clothes than backs, and in that condition, they say, they have continued to this day, and the ship is foul; the sooner she is called in to be fitted the better. Since their exploit, they are very turbulent and disorderly.

The main objection of those of the Constant Warwick is that she is leaky, and that the pump is never out of their hands at sea (whether they have the art to make her so I cannot say), and having been out 25 months, they want everything. This morning, ordering the foretopsail to be loosed, and otherwise fitting her to go out, the mutinous spirit broke out again; nothing now but "Home, home," and no reason will be heard among them, and to such a height have they got, that a whole cluster of them have been heard to say this night that if I went out with this ship, they would run down to the hold, and suffer the enemy to batter her to pieces; so you see it is well this ship is in England with such a crew. I shall wait for your orders as to coming up the river, since there is no trusting this ship abroad as she is.

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May 13. While I considered what was best to be done for the advantage of the State in the Mediterranean in the distracted condition it was left in, I supposed that the best way was to send back two of our frigates when cleansed, to amuse the Dutch, so that hardly any of their ships could be spared to return home to join with their body here, but must spread to convoy their merchantmen to and again; and that if you were able to spare ten ships out of your great body preparing to go forth, and put 50 soldiers into each of the merchantmen I brought home with me, those 15 sail would be sufficient to regain our loss in those parts; whereas if the frigates did not go back, it is likely they would be able to spare half their ships to come this way, or at least be in such a body as will require 25 rather than 15 sail. But these wretched people on board the Elizabeth, who have not done any considerable service all the voyage, and who after she had been tallowed at Lisbon (?), all things got ready, and the captain had his warrant to proceed back, grew to such a height of mutiny that no encouraging language, with a proffer of six months' pay, nor laying before them the advantage likely to come to the nation thereby, nor the danger of refusal according to the tenor of the 11th article of war, would work upon them; so that I was forced to give over the design, otherwise there had been no need to have changed any other but this ship, which could not have stayed longer abroad without being completely spoiled with the worm if nothing else. Although she will cost a great deal of money, as nearly all her timbers are cut to pieces with the shot, and not a mast in her but is shot through, yet as she is in the Channel, and in the midst of summer, I have been fitting, and always telling my officers and others that, until another dispute be over with the Dutch, we shall be kept abroad, so that one way or the other we may vindicate ourselves after so great a loss, and consequently be looked upon with cheerfulness when we come to the pay table. But I see when the evil spirit is entered in, no reason will rule this people, and if I had not left Leghorn Road as I did, they would have caused others to rally into a distemper, and so have given away this ship.

I have given orders to the commanders of the Lewis, Mary, Thomas Bonadventure, and Cock, to go out together to-morrow, and act as you have directed, and Capt. Chapman is to command in chief. I have sent for six weeks' more victuals for the Elizabeth, and will see what I can do once more in keeping her abroad, until she grows foul; if I can prevail, she will make the fifth ship, which will better the condition of that squadron for the service. I again make bold to remind you that 150 soldiers would well man the three merchant ships, and could they be embarked at Dover, where they stop, it would much advance the service, for if they meet with any of the enemy that are considerable for them to deal with, their want of men will spoil all.

Two ships have passed from the Canaries, and one from New England. The former saw 100 sail in the Channel, two carrying Holland colours, one of which chased them.

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P.S.—I have at last prevailed with the company of the Elizabeth to go out with Capt. Chapman, on promise to procure leave that they may come in when their six weeks' victuals are out. [3 *pages.*]

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1. The Committee who received the papers concerning the adjudging and disposing of prize goods to deliver them to the Posts' Committee, and confer with that Committee, and to give them such information as they may have received.

5. Col. Goffe, Col. Kelsey, Major Haynes, Capt. Blackwell, Capt. Deane, Mr. Hutchinson, and Mr. Jackson to consider how the treasuries may be best managed, and to give in their opinion in writing. All officers and persons concerned therein are to assist them in any way they may require.

6. The Admiralty Commissioners to attend this afternoon on the business of disposing of the fleet to service.

7. The 251*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* ordered by the late Council to be paid to the Marshal-General out of their contingencies to be paid by the Commissioners for sale of Prize Goods.

8. To write to the Hamburg agent as was written to the Swedish agent, concerning the necessity of taking the pipestaves from some Hamburg ships, for the public service.

9. The business of the arrest of Sir Thomas Walsingham, and the petition of the serjeant who arrested him, referred to the Committee to whom the business of prisoners was referred, who are to report thereon, taking notice that the yeoman mentioned therein is already discharged by Council. The said yeoman to be discharged.

10. Commissary-General Whalley, the Lieutenant of the Tower, Quartermaster-General Grosvenor, Major Bourne, and Major Packer to be a Committee to consider the condition of the prisoners of war in this nation, and how the Dutch prisoners may be exchanged for such English as have been taken by the Dutch, and to report their condition and what they judge fit to be done with them.

11. Commissioners appointed by Council to meet the Portuguese Ambassador on Tuesday at 4 p.m. according to his desire, and to receive what he has to offer; Sir Oliver Fleming to give him notice and to conduct him thither.

12. The paper given in by the Portuguese Ambassador, being a particular of some necessary goods shipped aboard a Hamburg vessel for the use of that King, to be sent to the Navy Commissioners, who are to consider whether any of the goods therein mentioned are necessarily to be made stay of for the service of the fleet, and to report. With the paper herein alluded to, claiming the restoration of the goods, viz. 1,629 pipes and 6,000 pipes staves, taken in the Downs by Admiral Deane. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., Nos.* **63–66.**]

13. The business of the fleet to be re-considered on Monday. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 70–73.]

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May 14. Whitehall. Council of State to captains of ships of war and press-masters. As it is needful for supply of the Scilly garrisons with provisions that the vessels employed therefor should not be molested in their passage to and fro, you are to forbear impressing any persons certified by the Governor of Scilly to be on that employment. [*I.* 69, *p.* 75.]

May 14. Whitehall. Council of State to the commander of the Warwick. There is a sum of money now at Weymouth to be transported to Jersey and Guernsey, for pay of the garrisons. You are to set sail for Weymouth, receive the money from Major Harding, and convoy it to those places. You are then to return to the Narrow, to assist the Briar frigate, which is appointed to ply up and down in that passage. [*I.* 69, *p.* 70.]

May 14. The Lamb, St. Thomas' Street, Bristol. **67.** Capt. Thos. Hewitt and John Pene to the Navy Commissioners. We have been into the western parts and back, but missed your letter. We have met many obstructions at Barnstaple and Bideford, the merchants having procured an order from the Council of State not to impress any belonging to ships bound for Newfoundland, which carried away 300 men. Other vessels in the bar claimed the same privilege, and were countenanced by the authorities, though they had received orders for impressing. They give fair words but no deeds. The power by which we act is questioned, and whether there be any such power at present, and the seamen arm themselves with clubs and staves, and say if we take them, it is at our peril, so that we are in great danger.

There have been 10 in this city carried away to sea after being impressed. Some make a trade of getting press money, absenting themselves, and going from town to town; and when we complain, the magistrates bid us bring the men before them, and then do nothing to them, which much encourages them. Our time and money will be ill spent unless such insufferable contempt is punished.

The order of the Council of State to the Mayor and justices is not prosecuted, and the Act of Parliament not executed, for they say it is too strict to be observed, most of them being interested in shipping.

We have ordered all the mayors and justices concerned to search for absentees and deserters, commit them to prison, and make weekly returns to the Navy Office, London. We have pressed 330; I think as many more might be had, but you should rather trust sword men, as governors of cities and counties, than mayors. We are coming to London unless we have further orders.

P.S.—We think the sword men could procure in 30 days 400 men in Bristol Bay, 50 in Minehead, Watchet, and Porlock, and 20 in Bridgwater. [2½ *pages.*]

May 14. Bristol. **68.** Capt. Thos. Marryott to the Navy Commissioners. I have given my men three months' pay, except some that have not yet got their clothes on board; I think they will all come on board, except the 25 that went for Portsmouth. Yesterday the three were

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discharged from prison and I have paid them, but imprisonment will do runaways more good than six months' pay. I want an order to fit up another surgeon's chest, all the things in ours being very bad, and an allowance for the surgeon. Capt. Hewitt and Mr. Pene are here, but the men think no more of the Act against absenting or hiding than if there were none, and will not unless some be made exemplary. Am I to give 12*d.* press money to men taken out of ships? I wish Mr. Turner would send me some copies of the articles of war. [1 *page.*]

May 14. Newcastle. **69.** Geo. Dawson to the Admiralty Committee. I suggested the impressing 100 or 200 keelmen for want of mariners, but we find they have nothing but what they have on their backs, and no means of procuring clothes, and such nasty creatures on board would do more harm than good. Capt. Toope of the Giles has sailed as convoy to 60 laden colliers, and there are 60 more waiting for men, &c.; The fleet was off Aberdeen on Tuesday. I want an order to supply victuals to some galliot hoys, carrying water for the fleet. [1 *page.*]

May 14. **70.** Earl of Worcester to Gen. Cromwell. The obstacle which hindered many of your laudable intentions for the common welfare being now, by God's goodness and your unparalleled endeavours removed, I doubt not of redress, and really to receive what the late Council of State put me in hopes of. "No subject in England has been so hardly dealt with, but having recourse to the fountain head of mercy and nobleness, whose chrystaline waters may now run without interruption, my heart is elevated with hopes." [1 *page.*]

May 16. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Robinson to attend Council to-morrow at 9 a.m. and satisfy them in a business which he has propounded to some of the members, concerning the raising of the revenue.

2. The papers relating to the gold and silver mines in Ireland to be looked out and brought into Council, with the petition of Miles Fleetwood, James Whitelock and others, concerning the same business.

3. Major Wiggan, Cornet Day, and Mr. Wollaston Master Gunner to come to Council.

4. Major-General Harrison to acquaint Sir John Wollaston that there being occasion to take account of the marks and weight of the silver brought into the Tower from the Samson, Salvador, and George, persons of understanding and credit should be employed therein, and to desire him to assist by his advice, and by overseeing the doing thereof.

5. 100 Dutch prisoners, private men, with an officer of the quality of captain, to be released and allowed to pass over to the Netherlands, the captain engaging that a like number of Englishmen, prisoners of the Dutch, be released and permitted to return; or else himself and the 100 men to return, and a letter to be written to ——— to release a captain and so many men.

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7. The petition of Edward Bernard, merchant of London, laid aside.

8. The petition of John Martin and Matthew Hemins referred to the Navy Commissioners, who are to certify the matter concerning the ship Recovery mentioned therein.

9. Order on petition of John Williams, porter of the Mint in Wales, concerning abuses by certain persons there, that Dr. Gurdon report such examinations as he has taken concerning the business.

10. An allowance of 3*l.* a week to be paid to the Earl of Worcester, for his maintenance during his imprisonment.

11. To write to the Commissioners in Ireland in behalf of John Carlton and Edward Barnard, and desire them to do justice to the petitioners.

12. The late Council's letter to the Ordnance officers, concerning Thos. Barlow, purser of the Convert frigate, to be signed by the now President.

13. The papers mentioned in the petition of Peter Biglestone, merchant, to be looked out and brought in to Council.

14. To inform the Commissioners for Prize Goods that Council has received a letter from the town of Bremen, stating that Jodocus Lammars, citizen of that town, some months ago freighted a ship at Nantes (belonging to Eppius Gerbrandus, a Hamburg master) with four tons of Nantes wine and 12 quartols of brandy wine, to be delivered at Hamburg and forwarded to Bremen; and that this ship has been taken by our men-of-war, and now lies under embargo. The Commissioners are to inquire if the above statements are true, and to report.

15. To inform Walter Kerbie of Lynne that Council have heard that he has thrown down part of the bank of the river, much to the prejudice of the town, and to order him to build up the bank, and cleanse the river, which he has interrupted, with speed.

16. The petition of John Hudson, minister, Robert Lewington, John Axon, Rebecca Woodward, and Margaret Thompson, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to consider what may be done for their relief according to their deserts, provided they do not exceed the limitations given in cases of that nature.

17. To write the Army Committee that the pay for the 500 men added to the Lord General's foot regiment is this day expired, and that they are to continue the regiment to the number of 1,200 for 14 days longer, and to issue a warrant for paying that number, 40 men thereof being allowed to two companies of Col. Barkstead in the Tower. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 77–82.]

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Leghorn.

71. Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. I have passed a bill upon your treasurer for 3,150*l.* in lieu of a bill given to Capt. Badiley, on February 28, which appears to have miscarried, and Capt. Badiley being in such haste to depart, he had not time to give a second bill for it; but to show I am a creditor for a much larger sum, I sent you an account of all disbursements since

the State's ships came to this port, the balance whereof, being 4,772*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* with what I paid for clothing the Leopard's men, and since for the relief of naked and wounded, I drew on the treasurer for 12,000 dollars more, at 6*s.* 3*d.*, amounting to 3,150*l.*, of which pray order acceptance and payment.

The ships from Venice are gone out, and Capt. Poole and Mr. Cartwright, who went thither on that service, have returned hither, so that I shall suddenly adjust the accounts relating to all the ships taken up for the service, and draw the remainder upon your treasurer.

I had some hopes to have saved at least some part of the Bonadventure's guns, to which purpose I caused some divers to be sent from Genoa, who set to work about it, but the Dutch sent a bark with 50 musketeers and beat them away, although within half cannon shot of the castle; and upon my complaining to the governors, they said the Great Duke would be no arbitrator to whom the guns belong, so you may see the partiality in this place, and what command our enemies have over it. About 14 or 16 Dutch men-of-war and merchantmen will leave here in three days, and amongst them the Leopard, who I hope will come short of their expectations. I was with the chief commander, and proffered him security for 5,000 dollars to let our captive captains come on shore, and render themselves in Holland, or where else he should appoint, but he would not grant it. With copy of the letter of May 2. [2 *pages.*]

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4. Dr. Goddard, Major Packer, and Mr. Evans added to the Hospitals' Committee.

5. The petition of 220 sick and maimed soldiers to go to the Bath referred to that Committee, who are to send for both the Doctors Gurdons who have certified concerning the men, and upon consideration, to report how many of them are fit to be sent to the Bath.

6. Major-General Harrison to ask Mr. Blackborne the names of the late Committee for Excise, consult him about other fit persons for that Committee, and bring a list into Council.

7. The Hospitals' Committee to consider the abuses of the Ely House and Savoy Hospitals, and to report to Council, with the remedies thereunto, and how the hospitals may be regulated for the future, and how they may be brought into one, and to confer with suitable persons thereupon and report.

8. Major-General Lambert, Col. Jones, Col. Bennet, Mr. Scobell, and Mr. Thurloe, to be a Committee to consider the draft of the Act for disposing lands in Ireland, and to put the matter therein contained into instructions framed for the best advantage of the service. They are to confer with such persons as they think fit, and to send for all necessary papers, and to bring the draft of the instructions to Council.

9. The petition of Mrs. Roe referred to the Hospitals' Committee.

10. That of Samuel Hawkes, late master of the Exchange, referred

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to the Navy Commissioners, to give him the allowance usual in such cases, and to consider what more may be done for him.

11. Declaration that in allotting lands in Ireland as payment to soldiers, those first disbanded shall receive first their portion. The Committee appointed to frame the instructions are to take notice of this.

12. Mr. Strickland, Sir Gilbert Pickering, Col. Jones, Major-Gens. Desborow and Harrison, and Col. Stapley, to be a Committee to treat with the Portuguese Ambassador.

14. Lieut.-Col. Worsley and Major Packer added to the Posts' Committee.

15, The petition of Mr. Rand, apothecary to Ely House, referred to the Hospitals' Committee, who are to consider from what treasury the moneys due to him are to be paid, to inquire from the treasurers of the place out of what treasury the apothecary is usually paid, and into the present state of that treasury, and report.

16, 17. The petitions of John de Lossa Banona, merchant of Spain, and of John Mexia de Herara, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to examine and report.

18. To return answer to Sir William Killigrew's petition, that the consideration thereof is most proper for the supreme power, when it shall be settled.

19. Order on the petition of Robert Llewellin and other merchants of London, that the Commissioners who meet with Monsieur de Bourdeaux, represent to him at their next meeting the condition of petitioners, and be instant that justice may be done in their concernments in France.

21. The petition of William Thompson, agent for the city of Edinburgh, referred to Col. George Fenwick, Governor of Edinburgh and Leith, who is to hear what he has to propound concerning those places, and report.

22. Order on the petition of the Merchant Adventurers, touching their cloth ship lately taken in the river of Elbe, that a letter be written to [Rich.] Bradshaw, Resident at Hamburg, to press the Senate there for restitution of the ship and goods.

23. Order on the petition of Richard Ford, Nathaniel Manton, and other merchants of London trading in lead, that Mr. Thurloe confer with them, receive more particular information, and thereupon the petition be referred to the Customs' Commissioners, who shall certify the business to Council.

24. Order on the petition of the wives and widows of the late King's servants, that Mr. Holland be conferred with concerning that part which relates to the Revenue Committee, and some of the trustees concerning that which relates to the late King's goods.

24a. Order on the petition of Joshua Fugil, merchant, that Capt. Bishop deliver him the papers and writings in his custody which relate to his estate.

25. The petition of Col. Hugh Reily referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to send for those therein mentioned who are in London, examine them, and report.

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26. The petition of James Duffe, mariner, recommended to the officers of the chest at Chatham.

27. That of Rachel, widow of Walter Hoxon, captain of the Anthony Bonaventure, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to examine her condition, and report what should be done for her relief.

28. Mr. Frost to write to Capt. Groome at Stafford that Council is informed that by its dismantling, much prejudice is done to the town and its inhabitants, and to desire him to forbear for the present, and to send an account of the true state of that business. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 84–92.]

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Leith.

72. Edward Syler and Rich. Saltonstall to the Admiralty Committee. We heard nothing of the fleet, except that they were on their course for Shotland, but to-day a private man-of-war of Col. Atkins has brought in three prizes, which he took on the 14th, one having a packet of letters from the States of Holland to Van Tromp, but which were thrown overboard before capture. We send the only letter found on board, as also the examination of the master. [1 *page.*]

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London.

Levant Company to Hen. Riley, Consul at Aleppo. We perceive, by your letters and remonstrance to Constantinople, what trouble and hazard you have undergone by the combination and designs of that Bassa, the Cadi, and Emir, reviving the old pretence of 3 per cent. on money, and imposing so many unjust and tyrannous exactions upon you; also your several ways for exposing their exorbitant decrees, by protestation and battulation of Jews from employment, and by your application to the Ambassador for relief from the Porte.

We are sorry the means used availed so little, the rather because we know not how to assist you, or counsel how to apply a remedy, which must be left to your own prudence and care, to take what opportunity offers for your security, and for reparation of so high and insolent attempts, which having deterred our factors from supplying the office of treasurer at that place, we are content that you have accepted that employment; if you cannot prevail with any fit person amongst them to undertake it, we desire you will continue in it until further order.

Touching the injury received in those encounters by Mr. Buckworth and Mr. Godfrey, on occasion of some silk found in bags of wool, for which they paid nearly 3,500 dollars apiece, we are sorry for it, but cannot assent to have Mr. Godfrey or Mr. Buckworth's proportion put as an avania to our account, for which we see not the least reason, besides the consequence of such a precedent, which might animate the Turks to multiply such oppressions upon us. For redress we shall remind the State to use all possible means when a new Ambassador goes for Constantinople, which might have been ere this, but for those great interruptions wherewith our trade is

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burdened by the Hollanders, not only within the Straits, but here at home, and the great change of affairs here, by means whereof we are rendered so unable to raise money for defraying our great charge and payment of our debts, that we are forced to suspend sending an Ambassador until our trade is restored.

As we have reduced the entertainment given to the Ambassador at Constantinople, or else must send over some agent at a lower rate, and have obliged the consul at Smyrna to be content with 2,000 dollars a year, we desire you not to expect more during these times than your ordinary salary, nor put more to account for gratuity without express order, except the two gratuities we allowed you for your two first years' service; also otherwise to use all possible frugality in our affairs. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 213–214.]

May 18. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of William Gardiner, gunmaker, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to do as is usual in case they find the stores require a present supply.

2. The petition of William Savel, in behalf of Thomas Catro, prisoner in the Upper Bench, referred to the Indemnity Committee, to examine whether he has not been satisfied for what he has disbursed for the fortifications and repairs of Tilbury Fort, and whether money has not been paid to Col. Temple, governor there, or any other persons for this debt, and to report to Council, that the petitioner may be satisfied for what he has expended, and that money may not be twice paid for the same thing.

4. The petition of John Hind and John Wich referred to the Excise Commissioners, who are to state the matter of fact and certify.

5. Order on the petition of Capt. Grethead and others, that Col. Downes send in to Council all papers relating to the business.

6. Order that the petition of Henriques George Mendes, laying claim to certain bags of Spanish wool in custody of the Prize Goods' Commissioners, be sent to the said Commissioners, who are to consider and report why the goods have been detained.

7. The petition of Margaret Douglas, widow, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

8. That of Peter Biglestone, merchant, and the annexed papers, referred to the said Committee, who are to examine him if they think fit, and report.

9. Mr. Thurloe to receive all petitions brought in to Council, and to note upon them the day on which they are received; any two members who are first met in Council to be a Committee to read them, and consider what answer shall be given, and to report.

10. Col. George Thomson to be dismissed from being a Commissioner of Customs and of the army and navy, and to be required to forbear from acting therein.

11. Francis Allein to be removed from being one of the Inspection Committee, and to forbear intermeddling in the business of the Treasury.

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12. The Committee on the Upper Bench prison to examine the abuses of the Fleet Prison.

13. Denis Bond to be removed from the Committee of Inspection.

14, 15, 16. Cols. Nathaniel Rich, Philip Jones, and Bennett to be on the Committee of Inspection.

17. Mr. Garland, Serjeant Dendy, and Mr. Emerie to be a Committee to take care of Whitehall, and to act according to instructions from Council.

18. The Prize Goods' Commissioners to give an account of such ships in their custody as pretend to belong to the Queen or people of Sweden.

20. The petition of Alexander Aspinal, with the report from the late Irish and Scotch Committee, referred to the present Committee, to report.

21. The petitions of Thomas Lambe, Nathaniel Manton, Thos. Ford, and Richard Ford, merchants of London, referred to the Navy Commissioners, who are to certify the state of the contracts therein mentioned. [*Also Vol. XXXIV., No.* **73.**]

22. Major-General Lambert to acquaint Lord Fairfax that Council —being informed of the conference lately had with his Lordship concerning the Isle of Man,—agrees that, upon his giving in the names of those to whom he intends to commit the civil and military power, and their approbation of the same, all forces now there shall be withdrawn, and the island, with the several places of strength therein, delivered up to his Lordship.

23. The petition of Hugh Welburne and others, and of John Pierson and others, all masters of ships of Hull or Yarmouth, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

24. The brief now read for the town of Marlborough, co. Wilts, to be approved, printed, and published.

25. The business of Portugal to be considered on Friday morning next, and then the French business.

29. Order, that whereas Major Rich. Salwey has bought of the trustees for deans and chapters' lands Crowle Manor, co. Worcester, and paid in the first half; and whereas 312*l.* 15*s.* is due to him for service for Parliament in 1643, the said trustees accept of his debenture in part of the second moiety, as if the same had been doubled, according to the tenor of the Act. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 94–99, 105.]

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Whitehall.

Declaration in Council, on petition of the Mayor and inhabitants of Marlborough, and several justices of peace of co. Wilts. On Thursday 28 April, (the Lord, whose ways are past finding out, so disposing) a fearful fire broke out at the lower end of the town, and in three or four hours destroyed most of it, burning 224 houses, one church, and the market place, value with the wares and goods at least 70,000*l.*, so that few of the inhabitants have anything left. Council "with tenderest bowels commiserating their condition," recommend them to the charity of well disposed persons, and order a collection to be made for their relief, and for re-edifying the town;

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not doubting that "all those who have anything of bowels and compassion in them" will give a cheerful and liberal contribution, and recommending the same to the Lord Mayor, &c. of London, the sheriffs and justices of peace of each county of England and Wales, the mayor, bailiffs, and chief officers of boroughs and towns, to take care for the dispersal of these presents, and to promote the work.

For its better management, Council has appointed Ald. Andrewes and numerous others to be a Committee in London to carry it on, and the persons who take care of it in their several jurisdictions are to correspond with this Committee, and manage the business by their advice. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 100–103.]

May 18. Whitehall. **74.** Council of State to Aldermen Andrewes, Tichborne, Ireton, and 27 others. Council on the petition of the town of Marlborough, and certificates of several justices of peace near, setting forth their loss by a great fire, has appointed a collection to be made for rebuilding the town, in all towns and cities of England and Wales. As such collections are often coldly carried on unless effectually promoted, we authorise you to take charge of its making, disposing, and distributing, believing you willing to do so Christian a work; seven of you to be a quorum; and you are to appoint a treasurer, and agents for collecting benevolence, and distribute it in due proportions for relief of the inhabitants, and rebuilding the town. With note that on 24 August, the quorum was made five. [2¾ *pages. Also I.* 69, *pp.* 103–105.]

May 18. Bristol. **75.** Capt. Thos. Marryott to the Navy Commissioners. We are taking in the guns and shot. Upwards of 600 men have come in here the last three weeks, and although many of them have received press and conduct money, they do not appear, and the constables and other officers give them notice when we search for them. I want an order for 50 more men and for provisions for them, our lading being so considerable. I hope to sail for Portsmouth this week. [¾ *page.*]

May 18. **76.** Order by the Commissioners for inspecting treasuries that the treasurers for moneys from the sale of Crown lands exempted from the former Act pay 5,000*l.* to Rich. Hutchinson for the navy. With his receipt 26 May. [1½ *pages.*]

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1. Order on the petition of Robert Murden, gunsmith, that Commissary-General Reynolds be spoken with concerning his desire.

2. The Committee appointed for the consideration of prisoners of war to hasten their report.

3. Mr. Smith, Navy Commissioner, to attend Council to-morrow.

4. Mr. Carew to confer with fit persons concerning the finding of persons to be added to the Navy Commissioners, and to report.

5. Order on the petition of Richard Frowell and Joan his wife, that Capt. Bishop state why the papers in his hands, belonging to them, should not be delivered up to them.

6. To write the Army Committee that the preachers of the several

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regiments which attended the army in Scotland are to be paid at the rate of 8*s.* a day, and that the same be allowed them in what they have already received, and in what is still in arrear, without the deduction of 1*s.* 4*d.* a day, and to desire the Committee to issue their warrants for payment accordingly.

8. The petition of John Webb, Mayor of Reading, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to see that the moneys disbursed by the Mayor, by direction of Council, for maintenance of the Dutch prisoners sent to that place, are paid according to the allowance made for that purpose. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **77.**]

9. The petition of the sick and maimed soldiers who are to go to the Bath referred to the Hospitals' Committee, who are to hasten their report on this and the former petition referred to them.

10. Commissary-General Whalley, the Lieutenant of the Tower, Quartermaster-General Grosvenor, Major Bourne, and Major Packer, to be a Committee to consider the condition of the several prisoners of war, as to their quality, estate, and health, and to send in a list of them, with the time and causes of their committal. Also to consider of their future disposal, and of the exchanging of Dutch prisoners of war for English. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 106–109.]

May 19. **78.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners examine into the neglect complained of by Capt. Strong, and send word to their instruments at Hull, that the necessaries for sick and wounded allowed the ships with him be got ready against he comes thither. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

78. I. *Capt. Peter Strong to the Admiralty Committee. There is not in the fleet any who have provisions for sick and wounded, but I know not where the fault lies.—Off Harwich,* 17 *May* 1653. [¼ *page.*]

May 19. Fowey, Cornwall. **79.** Rich. Mill to Rob. Blackborne. Thanks for your remembering my services to the Admiralty Committee. I had a meeting here, but two parishes did not appear, and fearing the others would follow their example, I hired a shallop, manned her with musketeers, and sent her towards the west, and I with Capts. Tyncombe and Bloyfield went by land, and took a quantity, though we had to fetch them out of the cliffs and rocks, and Capt. Bloyfield will deliver up 100 able men. When they are shipped, I shall go into Devon, though the justices will not come near me. The gentry of Cornwall, are angry with me because I do not attend to their letters till after the business of the meetings is over; 20 letters were sent me to Fowey. [1 *page.*]

May 19. **80.** John Thurloe to Robert Blackborne. Your report concerning the release of the captives is too uncertain for Council. Make any agreement with Mr. Downes. The allowances to be made for every officer, man, and boy, and the charges of port, diet, &c., were the things most in question, on which Council wants a precedent, and thought you were acquainted with it. Add what was formerly

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allowed as a postscript to your paper, and send it back to me presently, for I should like to despatch it to-night, being so pressed by the importunity of the poor people. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

80. I. *Robert Downe, merchant, to the Council of State. Being bound with the Mary for Sally in Barbary, where there are* 32 *English men and boys in misery and bondage, I will undertake to clear them, if allowed all expenses and* 1,000*l. in advance, you limiting what is to be paid for ransom, and I will give an account of all disbursements on my return. If I am taken either outward or homeward bound, I desire* 12 *months' time for repayment of what shall be granted for this object. Others employed in this service have been allowed* 4*s.* 6*d. and* 4*s.* 8*d. per piece of eight, but I will be content with* 4*s.* 4*d. for what I disburse in so charitable an employment.—May* 9, *London.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

80. II. *Report by Rob. Blackborne to Council, recapitulating this offer and draft.* [1 *page.*]

80. III. *Draft of part of the above.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*]

80. IV. *Postscript to the report, stating that the usual ransom for captains was* 42*l.* 3*s.* 9*d. apiece, for ordinary mariners and boys* 29*l.* 10*s.* 7*d., and for an officer under the degree of a lieutenant* 60*l. For customs of each captive* 1*l.* 8*s.* 6*d. For two pair of shoes, two shirts, and one suit to each,* 2*l.* 10*s.* 0*d., and for diet after the rate of* 20*s. a man per month.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*]

May 19. London. **81.** Theodorus to Lord Conway. As to our future government, that we may not imitate the Jewish Sanhedrim of 70, or the Roman Decemvirs, or rather both, which was the model first proposed, there are added to our new Council Sam. Moyer, Chairman of the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall, or of the seven grand sequestrators of England. Col. Tomlinson who was entrusted with the late King, from his imprisonment at Carisbrooke to Windsor, St. James', and from thence to the scaffold whereon he suffered, waiting upon him there till the (yet unknown) headsman had struck that never to be forgotton fatal blow, whom some have formerly (but falsely as it seems) named the converted soldier; and the last is Col. Jones, a South Wales man, and these three are now entrusted in equal power with the other 10 formerly established.

Touching the Jews' Sanhedrim of 70 persons (or rather our new representation), I hear they will choose double that number, who are to be styled by the name of a Parliament, and that all the Lords who are now residing within the commonwealth are to be summoned to give their personal attendance on all emergent occasions; but I believe all these things will be exemplified from our new State, in a remonstrance now going to press, if not already out.

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However at present they are about to continue the tax for the army's maintenance, which is to commence next Midsummer, where the late dissolved Parliament left it. But others more probably say that to ingratiate themselves with the people, they will make the first three months 90,000*l.* and the last three months but 60,000*l.* per month, and at the expiration of that time, haply this tax will be taken off.

I do not know where the Dutch fleet now is, but I understand there has not been any engagement between them and us. The Scotch King has not yet removed from Paris, but it is said he has made Henry Lord Percy Lord Chamberlain, and Prince Maurice Master of his Horse. The four deputies from Bordeaux, who are here to solicit aid against their lawful sovereign, have had an audience of our present States Regnant, but there's no assistance afforded them from hence that I can observe, unless they will absolutely deliver up that town to us, and reduce it wholly under our obedience; which done, 40 ships and men-of-war are to be granted to them for unblocking them by sea, and 5,000 horse, foot, and dragoons to raise the siege by land. They have represented this by express to the town, and if condescended to, we shall go forward with the work, and that suddenly, but not otherwise. I think this opportunity so fairly offered may prove a fair inlet for fulfilling Evans's prophecy, who says the General shall conquer France and destroy the Pope. [1 *page.*]

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2. The petition of William North, of Marten, in Holderness, East riding of co. York, recommended by letter to the Commissioners at York, to do according to justice.

3. The petition of Robert Gale, and James Buttle and others referred to the Prize Goods' Commissioners, who are to consider the allegations thereof, and certify.

4. The letter of Col. Fitch to the Lord General, dated this day, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

5. The petition of John Godden, gunner, referred to the Commissioners at Trinity House, to examine and certify.

6. The petition of Hans Groote, master of the St. George of Hamburg, with the papers, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to confer with such merchants trading to Spain as they think fit, and report.

7. Major-General Desborow, Mr. Strickland, Col. Tomlinson, Col. Stapley, and Sir Gilbert Pickering to be a Committee to meet the Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of Portugal, and carry on and finish the treaty begun with him, and to report the business to Council from time to time.

8. The same Commissioners to consider the state of the treaty with Bordeaux, proceed therein, and report.

9. 1,000*l.* to be borrowed out of the Custom House money appointed for the redemption of several English made captive in the Straits, used for sending of sick and maimed soldiers to Bath,

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and repaid when there shall be opportunity to use it for the purpose for which it was first designed.

10. 400*l.* of this 1,000*l.* to be paid to Mr. Malbone and Capt. Lieut. Henry Crisp, one of the officers of Col. Pride's regiment, to be issued by them towards defraying the carriage of the 220 sick and wounded soldiers ordered to Bath, and for keeping them there; 400*l.* more to be paid them in a bill of exchange, which they are to draw when they need a further supply.

11. 600*l.* more of the 1,000*l.* to be paid to Mr. Rand, apothecary of Ely House, on account of his arrears for service there, and to enable him to carry on the duty of his place. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **82.**]

12. Col. Pride to choose two officers of his regiment to be joined with Mr. Malbone in taking care of the soldiers to go to Bath, and to see that nothing prejudicial is done by them whilst abroad. One of the officers is to be joined with Mr. Malbone in taking care of all moneys disbursed for the service, and to give account thereof to Council.

13. The Hospitals' Committee to know from Mr. Jackson what money he has in his hands for the sick and wounded soldiers, and if he has any such money, the second 400*l.* ordered for the use of the sick soldiers to be sent to Bath is to be paid by him.

14. Mrs. Jane Roe, widow of Col. Francis Roe (deceased in the service of Ireland), to have 20*l.* out of the exigent moneys of Council, to enable her to go to Bath for recovery of her health.

15. Thomas Smith, one of the Navy Commissioners, to be dismissed from his employment, and discharged from further acting in that trust.

17. The four Dutch prisoners now brought in to be committed to the custody of the Marshal-General of the army,

18. Commissary-General Reynolds and Col. Clarke to attend Major-General Lambert and the other members of the Committee for settling the business for Ireland, as they shall receive directions from them.

19. The Committee of Adventurers for Ireland to appoint some of their number to attend a Committee of Council on Monday at 3 p.m. in the Inner Horse chamber, Whitehall, to confer with them concerning the business.

20. Order on the report of the Admiralty Judges in the cases of John Mexia de Herara, and John de Lossa Barona, merchants of Spain, that they be left to take their course in the Admiralty Court for proving their title to the goods which they claim.

21. The petition of Michael Lemprière referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to consider thereof when they consider the other papers relating to Guernsey.

22. The petition of the well affected of the parish of Graveley, co. Herts, referred to Cols. Washington, Cox, and Marsh, to examine and certify, and they are to see that the peace of the county

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be not disturbed upon occasion of the difference in the said town.

23. The petition of George Cooke, minister of Knightsbridge, referred to Mr. Scobell and Mr. Squibb, to do him justice, and see that peace be preserved in that place.

24. Mr. Strickland to speak with some Dutch merchants, concerning the procuring of exchange for the English now prisoners in Holland, and to report.

25. Major-Generals Lambert and Desborow, Cols. Stapley, Jones, and Tomlinson to be a Committee to confer with the Committees and Commissioners out of which some of their own number and some employed by them have been discharged by this day's order in Council, concerning the management of the charges with which those persons now dismissed were intrusted, and to take care that they be so supplied in future that the service may be advanced, Major-General Desborow to take care of the business.

26. Order on a representation brought into Council by the Lord General, from several aldermen, aldermen's deputies, common councilmen, and other citizens of London, that all persons who have signed the said representation, who hold office with salary under the commonwealth, be dismissed from their respective employments.

27. Mr. Carew, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Langley, to be a Committee to treat with the master of the vessel going to Sally in Barbary, concerning the redemption of English captives there. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **83.**]

28. Sir Oliver Fleming to inform M. Bonnel that some Commissioners of Council are to meet him on Monday at 10 a.m., to confer with him concerning some packs of goods to which he lays claim. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 110–118.]

May 20. Council of State to the commander of the Cock frigate. You were ordered to stand out towards Dieppe, but Council finding that there are some provision ships in the Downs to sail to Portsmouth, thinks that you can convoy them without prejudice to the service. You are therefore to take them into your charge. [*I.* 69, *p.* 119.]

May 21. **84.** Petition of divers poor women whose husbands and children are slaves in Tripoli, &c. to Lord General Cromwell and the Council of State, to take some course with their agent at Leghorn, for release of the captives in Tripoli. Have been supplicants to Parliament for two years, for the release of their husbands and children out of Turkish thraldom, in which time a duty of one per cent. was ordered to be raised out of the Custom House in London for their redemption; and although sufficient money has long since been gathered, it has not been employed for that use. In 1651 it was ordered that the Worcester should go upon that design, and carry the money, which was accordingly put on board, and she rode with it in the Downs for five months; but differences having arisen with the Hollanders, the ship was stayed, and the money taken out again, and put into Deal Castle, and the ship employed in the service

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against the enemy, so that petitioners have now no other hope of freeing their husbands and children but by recourse to them. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 21. **85.** Reference thereon to Messrs. Strickland, Carew, and Langley, who are appointed a Committee to get captives from that and other places redeemed, and to report what should be done. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 131.]

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1. Order on a paper from M. de Bordeaux, concerning the transport of the 30 horses allowed him by Parliament, that he acquaint Council with what number of horses he has already transported, and the port whence he desires to export the remaining ones, that a warrant may be granted to the officers for their export Customs' free.

2. Mr. Thurloe to confer with Mr. Carew on the papers relating to the making of pitch and tar in Scotland, and the furnishing from thence of masts and deal boards, and to consider how the ship now bound thither for that service may have convoy, and to report.

3. Sir Oliver Fleming to inform the agent of the Grand Duke of Tuscany that Council has appointed Commissioners to meet him on Thursday at 4 p.m. at Whitehall.

4, 5. Theodore Jennings, one of the messengers of the late Council, to be dismissed from his office, but released from the custody of the Serjeant-at-arms, and his bail discharged from restraint. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **86.**]

7. Mr. Strickland and Cols. Jones and Tomlinson added to the Excise Committee.

8. Order, on complaint of Monsieur d'Espane of disturbance in preaching in the chapel at Somerset House, granted to him and his congregation by order of the late Parliament, that the use of the chapel be continued to his congregation for the time of the grant, and that no person disturb the exercise of worship there. Major-Gen. Lambert to see that a fitting guard attend there to-morrow to prevent disorders.

12. William Field, Hum. Holding, John Bradley, Nicholas Hill, Henry Byard, Edward Tyton, and Thomas Baker to be continued in their employment as deputies to the Serjeant-at-arms.

13. Joseph Butler, Henry Symball, John Priestly, Thomas Pidcock, and Richard Freeman to be continued messengers to Council.

14. Order on the paper of James Pinkney, that he is to discover the prize goods of value, taken out of several vessels therein mentioned, which he knows to be lying concealed. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider his paper, to receive information from him in the business, and to report. Also that he is to have for his pains one-fifth of the goods so discovered.

15, 16, 21, 51, 54, 55, 58. The petitions of Lord Baltimore; of Theop. Byat; of the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery; of John

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Nicholls, Phil. Messervy and others; of Arnold Wincle; of Hen. Tavenor; and of Jos. Bryar of Weymouth, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

17. The petition of Liveing Sorrey, mariner, referred to Dr. Goddard and Mr. Trapham, to consider and certify.

18. That of John Arnold, mariner, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to grant what is usual if satisfied of its truth.

19. That of Ellen Smart, widow, referred to the Trinity House Commissioners, who are to certify what has usually been done.

22. Mr. Millard to remain in the vicarage of Henbury, co. Gloucester, until a Committee be appointed by Council to consider the business.

23. Order, on complaint of the public minister of the Queen of Sweden, that the Admiralty Judges have given in no account in the business of the ships claimed by certain Swedish subjects, that they proceed against the said ships according to right and justice, and report speedily to Council of the whole case.

24. The establishing of a Committee for Trade and the setting of the poor to work to be considered on Wednesday.

25. Thurloe to prepare a warrant authorising the import of goods relating to shipping in any bottom, the late Act for encouraging English shipping notwithstanding.

26. The petition of Robert Hammon, merchant of London, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to confer with him thereupon, and to send to the Customs' Commissioners for an account of the matter, and thereupon to report.

27. The quarrel between Mr. Cockayne and Mr. Mordaunt referred to Mr. Strickland, Col. Tomlinson, and Col. Bennett, who are to examine the parties and the witnesses on both sides, and report.

28. The petition of Anne Swaine referred to the Governor of Shrewsbury, who is to examine what is due, to inquire the condition of her husband, and to certify how the petitioners may be satisfied for the law.

30. To answer to the petition of Stephen Cacket and Richard Spake, mariners, that nothing further can be done, they having had relief in the Savoy.

31. The petition of Sir John Borlase referred to the Committee for settling the sale of forfeited lands in Ireland, to examine whether the payment of petitioner's arrears comes within the time allowed by the Act, and to report.

32. The petition of Hester wife of John Tullie, late master of the Employment of London, referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to consider of a means whereby exchange may be made for the prisoners therein mentioned, and to report.

36. The petition and paper of John Estays, *alias* de Sera, to be sent to the Commissioners for Prize Goods, to examine and certify.

37. Col. Harrison's attendance in the Irish and Scotch Committee dispensed with, at the earnest request of Major-General Harrison.

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38. The Commissioners appointed to treat with the Ambassador of Portugal, when they next meet him to present to him the petition of John Estays, *alias* de Sera, with the annexed list of goods, and to inquire if he has any knowledge of the business.

40. Filmot to be discharged from restraint for injury and abuse to Sir Thos. Walsingham, at Sir Thomas's request.

41. The petition of Peter de Beauvoir, bailiff of Guernsey, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to confer with Col. Bingham, and consider it when the whole business of Guernsey is considered.

42. A list of the several Committees appointed by Council to be brought in on Monday.

43. Mr. Scutt to bring in the leather chairs on Monday.

44. The petition of divers well affected merchants of Jersey referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

45. Mr. Squibb to attend Council on Monday.

46. Order on petition of William Keble, that Dr. Walker certify whether the petitioner may not proceed in the Admiralty Court without an order originally from Council.

47. Order on the petition of Hendrick Jansen de Monock, that if he provide an exchange of equal value with himself, he will be set at liberty.

49. The petition of Sir Edmond Plowden referred to the Committee for examining the abuses of the fleet.

52. The petition of Ant. Burt, mariner of Dunkirk, referred to the Commissioners for the sale of Dutch Prizes, to examine and certify.

53. Order on petition of justices of peace and other gentlemen of co. Chester, that the former orders and resolutions by the Committee of Parliament for indemnifying gentlemen who had taken up moneys in those parts on an exigency for public service, be continued in full force till further orders. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **87.**] *Annexing,*

87. I. *Order in Parliament that* 4,092*l., for which divers gentlemen of co. Chester stand charged for payment of the soldiers in Chester garrison, be allowed as the State's debt, and be charged on the moiety of the grand excise, and the interest paid from the fines and compositions of delinquents' estates to be discovered by the said gentlemen.—August* 21, 1648. [1 *page.*]

87. II. *Order in Parliament referring the petition of the justices of peace and juries empannelled at the Chester great sessions,* 27 *Oct.* 1651, *for themselves and the inhabitants, to a Committee consisting of Maj.-Gen. Harrison, Sir Wm. Brereton, and* 19 *others.—*11 *Dec.* 1651. [1 *page.*]

87. III. *Order by the said Committee that all suits at law brought against the petitioners for public debts incurred for Parliament be stayed, especially one brought by Eliz. Fowler against Col. Thos. Croxton and Wm. Edwards for* 40*l. due to her husband, which is part of the* 4,090*l. debt*

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approved by the House to the Cheshire gentlemen.—22 *Dec.* 1651. [½ *page.*] *Also*

——— *to a justice of peace of co. Chester. When Col. Brooks came to Cheshire to see his wife and friends, he promoted the county petitioners and farming the excise, but left me neither directions nor money to carry them on; thinking the business important, I have taken out six orders for indemnity, and will proceed at Haberdashers' Hall on two of them, and with the Commissioners of Excise for their certificate. You and the rest of the gentlemen must send a certificate of every particular to me or any other you choose to employ, but I would serve you faithfully.*

For the excise of ale, beer, and of all except salt, 900*l. is offered. We wish approbation of the Lord President. Sir Wm. Brereton and Resident Bradshaw have offered* 800*l., but I will act as you and the other justices direct. Would it not be better for the ale and beer-houses to be rated by yourselves than by a mercenary agent, such as the Commissioners here have farmed it to, unless intercepted by the Committee of Parliament for the regulation of excise? Brereton is stopping the business till your pleasure is known.*—30 *Dec.* 1651. [1 *page.*]

87. IV. *Order at the Committee on the Cheshire justices staying a suit for* 200*l. taken up for the service, prosecuted by Marg. Dutton and Wm. Jones against Jas. Garthyde and* 10 *others till March* 25, *when the prosecutors are to attend and show cause.*—23 *Jan.* 1652. [173 *pages.*]

87. V. *Like order for stay of suit by Rob. Venables against Thos. Stanley and four others for* 100*l. taken up for the service.* —23 *Jan.* 1652. [*Copy,* ⅔ *page.*]

87. VI. *Order in the said Committee on a report of July* 1652,—*that Parliament ordered* 751*l.* 1*s.* 1*d. and* 2,145*l.* 18*s.* 4*d. to be paid to the Cheshire gentleman as a debt, and this Committee to consider how it may be paid,—that Sir James Harrington report to Parliament this Committee's opinion that* 1,500*l. should be charged on the trustees for sale of delinquents' estates, and the residue,* 1,396*l.* 19*s.* 4*d., on such lands in Ireland as the petitioners shall propose, as amply as allowed to any adventurers in* 1642.—1 *Sept.* 1652. [¾ *page. In the same hand as the anonymous letter of* 30 *Dec., No.* **87** III. *suprà.*]

56. The petition of Maurice Gardner referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to confer with him and know what discoveries he can make, and to tell him that Council will pay the debt which he states is due to him out of the money he shall discover, in case he makes it to the proportion propounded by him in his petition.

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57. The petition of Robert Davies, powder maker, referred to the Ordnance Committee, who are to confer with the Prize Goods' Commissioners and the petitioner, and to order such a quantity of brimstone to be sent him as will enable him to fulfil his contract made to the Committee. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 120–133.]

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Hull.

88. Col. Rob. Overton to Robert Blackborne. I will deliver your letter to Capt. Strong when he arrives. Capt. Scropnell with two other men-of-war has sailed with the powder and 130 seamen and watermen, with some volunteers. I hope to make them up to 200 by the time Capt. Strong arrives. The victualling ships will be ready in a few days. It would much encourage the poor pressed men, having neither clothes nor money, if they could be allowed shirts, stockings, shoes, and canvas breeches, and some of their pay for their wives at home. [1 *page.*]

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Leith.

89. Edward Syler and Rich. Saltonstall to the Admiralty Committee. Being wishful to supply you with intelligence, we send you the journal of the captain of the Adventure, who brought in a Dutch prize taken near Norway last night. The master reports that Van Tromp was off Shotland on the 12th, waiting for the ships from the East Indies and those from France eastward bound, but that he saw none of our fleet.

P.S.—We despatch a packet just received from the fleet to his Excellency, dated the 17th instant, before Shotland. [1 *page.*]

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Bristol.

90. Capt Thos. Marryott to the Navy Commissioners. I have got out to the King's Road, but I had not 10 of my men on board, and was obliged to take men out of other ships; 80 of my men stood on shore and looked on, having combined that they would not come on board. They came to Mr. Shewell for money, but he had provided some 20 or 30 soldiers who carried some of them to prison. At first they said they would all go, and the rest went a good way with them, but turned back. I believe they will soon wish they had not been so refractory, but I am afraid to have them aboard the ship. If Capt. Grumwell, whose time is expired, is not to be employed again, I could have some of his men. They have been out 12 or 14 months, and are mad for money. I expect to have the guns and shot on board this week, and shall then only want men. Mr. Shewell has promised me some of those he has pressed for Portsmouth. [1 *page.*]

May 23.

COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Strickland, Col. Jones, Major-General Desborow, and Col. Tomlinson (who had a meeting with the Swedish Commissary), to consider the returns made by the Prize Goods' Commissioners concerning the packs of goods in their custody claimed by the Commissary, to confer with the Commissioners, and to report what should be done.

2. Col. Stapley, Mr. Strickland, Sir Gilbert Pickering, and Col. Bennett to be a Committee to examine the business of carrying on the subscription of the petition from some of the city, and to send

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for such of the subscribers as they think fit, examine them concerning the gaining subscriptions thereunto, take their information in writing, and report.

3, 4. The paper concerning the Prize Office business referred to the Commissioners of Inspection, to consider what should be done, and report; noting that Council has thought fit to continue the house in Bishopsgate St. for the Prize goods' business, until the Commissioners have finished their report.

4. The Prize Goods' Commissioners to sit in that house.

5. To answer to M. de Bourdeaux's paper that Council has appointed a Committee to inquire into the state of the treaty with him, how far it was carried by the last Council, and how it stood at their dissolution, that further proceedings may be had thereon.

6. The petition of the saltpetre makers referred to the Ordnance Committee, to examine the contracts made with them, hear the reasons for their desire, and report.

7. The Earl of Clanrickard to have one month more time allowed him to stay in England, on the same ground as his time has formerly been prolonged.

8. To write Mr. Berners to attend in the service at Haberdashers' Hall, which has need of him.

9. The papers of the Earl of Clanrickard concerning his agreement with Commissary-General Reynolds, whereby he laid down arms in Ireland, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider thereof, and whether any money is due to the Earl, and report.

10. The petition of Thos. Norris referred to the same Committee, to report. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 137, 138.]

May 23. Victualling Office.

91. Jno. Limbery to the Council of State. I being in the Downs with Major Bourne, several Hamburg ships, having hemp and other materials fit for the service, came into the river. They have applied to me for their despatch, but there being no Commissioner here today to give them satisfaction, they are at a great loss where to deliver it. I therefore desire you will order Capt. Wildey to receive the goods, give receipts, and pay the respective shipmasters. [¾ *page.*]

May 23. Custom House, Newcastle.

92. Geo. Dawson to the Admiralty Committee. Upwards of 100 keel men have been impressed and sent on board the Falcon, commanded by Capt. Yates, but it falls heavy upon married men having families, and who are very poor. The younger sort were nimble and got away, and will not come near the town till they have an engagement from the coal owners who employ them that they shall not be pressed, so the coal trade will be at a stand. I shipped 1,000*l.* for the Generals at sea from Tynemouth by Capt. Dan. Morgan, who goes with three other ships to the fleet, but they wait for the fire-ships, water hoys, and a hoy with shot. [1 *page.*]

May 23. Bristol.

93. Capt. Thos. Hewitt and John Pene to the Navy Commissioners. We have your orders to stay longer in Bristol, but no answer to our

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request that you would join the governors of garrisons and sheriffs with us, or grant them power to raise forces to bring in the seamen that are fled into adjacent parts, and get out of our way; though we keep watch 10 miles' compass, yet few are brought in. We meet many oppositions and grievous abuses, and have had violent hands laid on us, and received blows, and that by citizens of note, and can get no redress here. Some course should be taken to make them a public example, or you cannot expect us to procure men; but powers from you are slighted and despised.

We have got 30 men in Bristol, and hope this week to get 30 or 40 more, but we would gladly be called home. [1 *page.*]

May 24. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Berners to attend Council at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

2. Mr. Strickland and Col. Jones to be a Committee to examine Capt. Wall, brought by Alderman Bence to Council to give information for the public service.

4. The paper brought in, making an appointment for meeting in Moorfields on Thursday, referred to Commissary Whalley and the rest of the officers for regulating the army, who are to consider the best way for preventing the meeting, and how it may be done in a silent manner, so that the least notice may be taken thereof.

5. To answer the petition of the inhabitants of Westminster that it is not for Council to appoint where the supreme power which is to meet shall sit, but for themselves to decide when they shall be convened, but that Council knows nothing contrary to their sitting in the Parliament House at Westminster.

6. Mr. John Bourchier to come and speak with Mr. Thurloe on business of importance.

7. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Elizabeth and Constant Warwick to be brought to Chatham for necessary repairs. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **94.**]

8. Col. Jones and Col. Bennet to be a Committee to go to the Tower, and with assistance of the Lieutenant, to take account of the whole business of the Mint and the several officers there employed, their salaries, and the nature of their employment, and how the Mint should be worked, and by what persons, and to report speedily the whole state of the business.

10. To inform Capt. Badiley that the fleet lately under his command is now ordered in, and to desire him to repair to them, that he may report the state of all that was lately under his command.

11. The propositions of M. Blondeau referred to the Mint Committee, and Major-General Lambert added to it, on this business.

12. To write to the treasurers at Ely House to give a letter of credit to Mr. Malbone for taking up 300*l.* in the country for the soldiers sent to Bath, and for charging a bill of exchange on them for the payment thereof, which is to be allowed on account for their daily maintenance whilst they are in the house.

13. The Hospitals' Committee to report the account received from Mr. Jackson, of the money in his hands payable to the treasurers at

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Ely House for the soldiers at Bath, that Council may provide 400*l.* more for their maintenance.

15. Commissary-General Whalley, Col. Twisleton, and Col. Clerke to be a Committee to examine the challenge which passed between Lord Mohun, Mr. Bynion, Mr. Trevilian, Mr. Muschamp, Mr. Porter, and Edmund Temple; they are authorised to send for Capt. Spilman, or others, who can give information therein, examine them concerning the challenge, and report.

16. The petition of Rachel Bisson referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

17. To answer to Mrs. Gernon's petition, that provision will be made for the relief of herself and others in her condition, when the Bill for disposing lands in Ireland shall be considered, which will be in a short time.

18. To answer to the petition of Elizabeth Parnell, widow, that Council cannot do anything themselves for her present relief, but as to what is due on her husband's arrears for service in Ireland, care will be taken for putting it into a way of being satisfied.

19. Liveing Sorrey added to the list of soldiers to go to Bath, and to be provided for as the others are; Mr. Malbone to have care of him.

21. The petition of Major William Harding referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to examine the annexed account and report. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 140–145.]

May 24.
Whitehall.

Council of State to the Barons of Exchequer, auditors of imprest, &c. Council having on the 20th instant ordered the Customs' Commissioners to lend 1,000*l.* out of the moneys for redemption of captives, towards the sending of sick soldiers to the Bath, the said sum, and any other moneys issued by them on Council warrants, are to be passed in their account, and they are to have a discharge. [*I.* 69, *p.* 146.]

May 25.

COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Thos. Chilston, fishmonger, referred to the Admiralty Judges, who are to state the facts speedily, and forbear further proceedings in the case for 14 days.

2. Order on the petition of John Freeman and Josias Dewie, powder makers, that Major-General Harrison and Mr. Strickland confer with Mr. Carew concerning the speedy providing of money for satisfying them and the other powder makers for what is due upon their contracts, they being in want of money, and the public service in danger to suffer thereby.

3. Major-General Desborow to inquire what moneys have been paid to the deputies from Scotland on their coming to England upon account, and what remains of allowance for their charges now due to them, and to report.

4. The petition of William Thomson, on behalf of the city of Edinburgh, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to receive what he has to propound, confer with Col. Fenwick, and report.

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5. Sir John Stowell, prisoner in the Tower, to be set at liberty, on good security to the Lieutenant that he will not leave the city, and will give himself up prisoner again on summons.

6. Justice Atkins to attend Council to-morrow, to acquaint them with the trial of William Blake at the last Exeter assizes, at which he was condemned to die, Council having received a petition from him, urging considerations why mercy should be extended him.

7. Capt. Young to be captain of the Eagle, and the Generals of the fleet to commissionate him.

8. To write the Mayor of Hull that Council being informed that they are about to bring in Mr. Stone as minister to that place, they are not to bring in him, or any other minister, until Council have notice and give orders thereupon.

9. So much of Lieut.-Col. Salmon's letter as relates to the discharge of some Dutch prisoners sent to Hull referred to the Committee for prisoners, to report.

10. Order on the late order dismissing Alderman Herring and Mr. Waring from their employment at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall take an account of the state of the treasury lately under their charge, consider what should be done for the future, and what persons should have charge thereof, and report the names of the persons they think fit to be employed.

11. The petition of Elizabeth Browne referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to examine whether nothing has been paid her, and to report what should be allowed to her.

12. To write to Capt. Strong enclosing a copy of Toby Bonnel's intelligence from Holland, in order that he may use the more caution in pursuing his orders from the Generals of the fleet.

13. The petition of Nathaniel Stirrop, cashier general for bishops, deans, and chapter and glebe lands, and of William Benson, one of the register accomptants for the sale of the said lands, referred to the Committee for supply of places.

14. The petition of Mary Rockley referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee to examine whether they have not already considered it, and to certify what should be done. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 148–152.]

[May 25.] **95.** Petition of Thos. Biggs, surgeon, to the Admiralty Committee. Was surgeon in the dockyard at Deptford and Woolwich from Jan. 1642 till 1649, when, being ill, he requested the place for his son Henry, who held it till he died. Begs now to be restored himself, having been assistant to his son while he lived, and performed many great and dangerous cures upon sundry men in the State's service. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

95. I. *Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee, recommending Hen. Biggs to succeed his father.*—1 *March* 1649. [1 *page.*]

95. II. *Order by the Navy Commissioners to the clerk of the check at Deptford to admit the said Hen. Biggs.*—22 *May* 1649. [⅔ *page.*]

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May 25. Near the Exchange. **96.** Rear-Admiral Rich. Badiley to Robt. Blackborne. I desire that the papers I left with Mr. Creed relating to Thos. Biggs, surgeon, my brother-in-law, may be laid before the Admiralty Committee, that the ancient man may make no more journeys about this business. [½ *page.*]

May 25. The Drake, Dover. **97.** Capt. Robert Clarke to the Admiralty Commissioners. Coming this morning from Dunkirk with a convoy, I chased the Ryall of Calais, a French man-of-war, but she was rescued by the guns of Calais Castle. I anchored in Dover Road, and two hours after, the Holland fleet of 114 sail coming into the Downs, I was forced to cut my cable and run on shore. I received many broadsides, and had I not cut, three or four great ships would have boarded me, being within half a cable's length; but being helped by boats from the shore, I got afloat again, and came in to repair. They fired several broadsides into Dover town, and have taken two merchant ships richly laden, which were lying at anchor. They are still at anchor in Dover Road. [⅔ *page.*]

ORDERS in the ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

May 26. **98.** On information from the Navy Commissioners that several of their instruments are unfit for their trust because of their disorderly lives, that they discharge them, and present others duly qualified in their room. [¾ *page.*]

99. That the Navy Commissioners make out bills of imprest for paying the Lewis and Mary that came from the Straits part of their wages, having respect to the continuance of the men in the service. [¾ *page.*]

May 26. **100.** Proposals by Thos. Marsh and others to the Council of State. It having been judged fit by Act of Parliament to have a store of saltpetre, and there being few places or ports that trade for it, the urgency for it has revived the custom of digging for it, though formerly laid down as a grievance. They offer, from a desire of improving their knowledge to benefit the commonwealth, and from the encouragement held out in the Act, to make a trial at their own costs of generating and producing great quantities of saltpetre by an artificial accellerating its growth in the earth, provided they may enjoy the sole right of making it for 14 years, as by a former Act is provided for the encouragement of such as introduce any new manufacture. They will thereupon supply the State with saltpetre sufficient for the service at very reasonable rates, not exceeding 70*l.* per ton. [1 *page.*]

May 26. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on petition of Richard Gardner, a soldier who was maimed in the service, to go to Bath, that Mr. Malbone add his name to the list of those to go to Bath, and provide for him as for others under his charge. [*I.* 69, *p.* 153.]

May 26. Whitehall. **101.** Council of State to the Mayor of Rye. We hear from the Mayor of Dover that yesterday at noon, 60 Dutch men-of-war came

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into Dover Road, and awhile after 60 more, which we judge to be Tromp's fleet, with an addition of new strength since he came from the North. We suppose our fleet is not far behind. Meantime we wish to send out two or three nimble vessels to warn all English ships at sea to come into the next port for security, and to observe and give intelligence of the motion of the enemy, in case they go westward. Let no ships leave your harbour whilst things are in this posture, and send this intelligence all along the sea coast westward, that the shipping may not be surprised. Charge your bills therefor on the Navy Commissioners. With note that 3*l.* was disbursed upon this order. [1 *page.*]

May 26. Newcastle. **102.** Capt. Barth. Yate to Robt. Blackborne. I pressed 50 keelmen, but was forced to discharge them on account of the mighty clamour of their wives. I have 90 pressed men on board, and expect to get 40 or 50 more. I have received orders from Col. Lilburne to go back to Leith, but I have written him that I am ordered otherwise, and that if I go thither, I must discharge the men, and abandon the coal fleet now ready to sail, unless I go in company with them, and spare them men to carry their ships along the coast, when they are over the bar. [1 *page.*]

May 26. Newcastle. **103.** Major Jeremiah Tolhurst to Major Rich. Salwey. I was away in Scotland when yours arrived, but Geo. Dawson has got the few men this place affords. I have directed the justices of peace to order the constables to search for all the seamen who come into any of the towns, and to bring them in safe custody to Newcastle, but many of the young men who are most fit for the service run into the country. Mr. Taylor desires that the Mayor or Geo. Dawson may audit his accounts for pressing men, having shipped several men on board the ships here, and on some gone to sea. Our fleet is reported to be off the Danger [Dogger ?] Bank and between that and the Holland coast; some able pilots have gone from hence to the Navy, and some have absented themselves. [1 *page.*]

May 26. Portsmouth frigate, Aberdeen. **104.** Capt. Robert Dornford to Lord General Cromwell. Since my last to you from Caithness, giving you an account of taking a prize near Shotland, sending her to Newcastle, and hastening to the fleet, which I hoped to find near Shotland, I met Capt. Beck, who came in with two prizes from the fleet, and brought orders from the Generals for the water ships and their convoy, which were then at Orkney taking in water, to sail to Hull, and for me to go there to tallow. I send you a packet of letters received from Capt. Beck, from the Generals at Shotland, and five packets received for the Generals, which I could not deliver, not going to the fleet. [⅔ *page.*]

May 26. The Resolution, off the Texel. **105.** John Poortmans to [Robt. Blackborne]. We are plying between the Flie and Texel, to hinder the conjunction of Admiral Van Tromp with such men-of-war as are at either place, as also with 20 Danish ships in the Sound, who only wait an opportunity to join the Dutch, but intelligence is so lame that we know not which way

to turn; when man's wisdom fails, the Lord is the only wise counsellor, and never forsakes those that trust him. I send you the list [of the fleet], though not so complete as I could wish. [1 *page.*]

May 26. Yarmouth. **106.** Bailiffs of Yarmouth to the Navy Commissioners. We have your orders of the 17th to press seamen, but so many men come on shore from the State's ships here to get men that the seamen keep out of the way, and our labour in getting pilots for those ships is very great. When they have sailed we will do our best, but shall not get many; so many have been already impressed that there are not sufficient to man the ships and vessels here, and people are consequently compelled to lay up their ships for lack of men. [⅔ *page.*]

May 27. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Major-General Desborow appointed President of Council for 14 days.

2. To write to the owners who have sent forth Capt. Diamond as a private man-of-war, to restore three small vessels taken by him in Swansea Road.

3. The intelligence now received from Dover to be sent to the Generals of the fleet.

4. The former order of Council dismissing Thomas Smith from the office of Navy Commissioner to be taken off, and he to act as formerly.

5. The treaty with Portugal to be considered to-morrow.

6. Major Bourne to drop as far down the river as he safely can, with such ships as are ready, that he may be ready for service as opportunity offers.

7. Mr. Strickland and Col. Bennett to be a Committee to examine Mr. Brown, of Ireland, apprehended by warrant of Council, and if they see cause, to give order for his further security, the searching his rooms for papers, and the apprehending of persons who, upon his examination or on information from Ireland, are found dangerous.

8. The Committee for inspecting the treasuries to consider how the receipts of Customs and Excise may be made one, and managed by the same hands, for the lessening of public charges, and to report.

9. To write the Army Committee that Council have continued the Lord General's regiment as it is 14 days longer, and they are to give payment accordingly.

11. Jeffrey Brown, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to be sent into Ireland in custody, under charge of a party of horse to the sea, and then by a man-of-war to Dublin; Mr. Rowe to acquaint Council at what part a ship may soonest be had for his transportation.

12. John Roch, taken prisoner with Mr. Brown, and in custody of the Serjeant-at-arms, to be discharged.

13. James Russell, late one of the Committee for compounding, discharged from that trust, and to meddle no more therein.

14. Sir James Lockhart, prisoner in the Tower, to be discharged, and to repair within 6 weeks to the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, and enter into a bond with good securities in 1,000*l.*, to act nothing to the prejudice of the commonwealth.

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15. Order on report from Mr. Moyer concerning the settling of the receipt at Goldsmiths' Hall, that auditor Sherwin be appointed to receive the moneys paid to that treasury till further order, and Mr. Leech to subscribe every receipt, before discharge be given.

16. To write the Army Committee to pay out of the money brought to them for the service of Ireland, to Commissary Wm. Dobbins, 163*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, for the charge of vessels hired to carry 3,047 quarters 4 bushels, of wheat from Portsmouth to Ireland, as appears in his account given in to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

17. To write to the Lord General to order Mr. Hayne, the engineer, to repair to Inverness, to take care of laying the foundations of the works and buildings to be raised there, if his Lordship thinks he may be spared here.

18. Col. Fitch to state in writing on what account the 30,000*l.* desired by him, and for which he says Col. Lilburne has written, is claimed, that order may be given therein.

19. To write to the Army Committee to advance three months' pay to Mr. Hayne, the engineer to be employed at Inverness, to be paid him here or in Scotland, as he shall signify.

22. Order for a warrant to the Excise Commissioners to order their treasurer, out of monies due from the excise to the Ely House treasurers, to pay 400*l.* towards the expense of 220 sick and maimed soldiers sent to the Bath, according to a bill drawn on him by Rich. Malbone, who takes care of the said soldiers.

23. Order on a report from the Irish and Scotch Committee of the 24th inst., and a former report of April 5th, concerning Ensign Alexander Aspinall's disbursements, services, and losses in maintaining the Island of Barsey, county Carnarvon—that a letter be written to Col. John Carter, Quartermaster General Hugh Courtney, and the officer in chief of Sir Wm. Constable's regiment, now commanding at Conway Castle, to cause as much of the provisions at the castle disposable by the State to be sold as may raise 50*l.*, to pay the same to Aspinall, or else to cause an appraisement of the provisions to be made by indifferent persons, and the same to be delivered to him to sell for satisfaction of his disbursements; and to certify what provisions then remain. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 155–161.]

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Whitehall.

107. Warrant from the Council of State to all sheriffs, bailiffs, and other civil officers, that as in times of action at sea the service requires the frequent sending to places where there are no post stages settled, they are to supply Hen. Symball, messenger of Council, with able horses for the service of the State, with power to impress them. And in case of the absence or delay of any of the said officers, Symball is authorised to take up horses, paying the usual rates. Also to take up boats to convey letters to the ships at war. [1 *page.*]

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108. Deposition of Wm. Baker that, while his servant was ploughing at Soham, co. Cambridge, some of the townsmen took six of the horses, and impounded them, whereupon he was forced to get some soldiers to fetch them out, and was much hindered. The townsmen also said that the Adventurers had nothing to do with the

ground, and that it was not adjudged to them, and thereupon cut a dike between his and Lord Chief Justice St. John's ground, so as to make a way to carry the horses out of the ground. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 27. **109.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners charge the victuallers to send a hoy filled with water for the ships now in the river, to prevent the men's running on shore for water. Also to quicken the victuallers in sending the colliers laden with provisions for the fleet, and despatch the water ships. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 27. 10 a.m., Dover Castle. **110.** Thomas Wilson to Lieut.-Col. Kelsey at Mr. Blackborne's. The Dutch fleet, ships of from 26 to 50 guns, weighed out of Calais Road this morning, and are now behind the Goodwin, turning north. Our fleet is not yet in sight. The master gunner here, Mr. Reader, wants a supply of gunners and matrosses for the castle and two forts, as there are not sufficient to load and fire the guns. We did damage to the enemy, but we ought to have been able to fire three shots for one. We also want ammunition, and money for reparation of the platforms. I will send daily while the Dutch are upon the coast. The Council would do well to check the postmasters along the road, as they are 18 or 20 hours bringing a packet, be the business never so important. [1 *page.*]

May 27. Ipswich. **111.** John Scott to the Admiralty Committee. On your orders I came to Harwich with all privacy, and applied to Capt. Wright for some soldiers to impress men, but in all the night got but one, and four the next day. I came here next day with two officers and some soldiers, and the bailiffs appointed constables to go with us, but in two nights and a day, they got not one man, and we only found four. They pretended all were gone to Newcastle or London, but there were some who ran away on hearing of a press. I shall return to Harwich with those I have, allowing them 7*d.* or 8*d.* a day till I hear of a vessel to take them. A press is needed on ship board as well as on shore. [1 *page, with shorthand notes of reply.*]

May 27. Hull. **112.** Col. Robt. Overton to the Admiralty Committee. I received your account of the honourable retreat of the Dutch navy into their harbours, and will tell it to any ships that come to this port. I wish Capt. Strong was come. The victualling ships are ready to sail, and 200 pressed men obtained, but not without much difficulty, clamour, and opposition of the country people and constables. Some I have in hold, and threaten to send them to sea, and I hold the Mayor of Grimsby *in terrorem* with the same. The captains who went home last set on shore 20 of the men that we had procured, some able to be masters or pilots. I sent a list of them to the Generals, and told them their quality, lest it might be said they were turned off for insufficiency. [1 *page.*]

May 27. The Hamburg Merchant, Aberdeen. **113.** Capt. Wm. Pestell to the Admiralty Committee. Being sent to Orkney for water for the fleet, I received a packet and sent it for the Generals by the Portsmouth, but she being ordered back by Capt. Beck of the Four Sisters, and the fleet being gone from the coast, I returned it you by way of Aberdeen, with the Generals'

packet to my Lord General. I will keep the other until I know where they are. I have a ketch and a galliot hoy belonging to the Generals' squadron, well suited for carrying letters. I am going to Hull, and will then ply about Burlington Bay. [1 *page.*]

May 27. The Resolution, off the Texel.

114. Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck to Capts. Peter Strong and Wm. Pestell. You are forthwith to set sail, and to convoy the ships in the Humber to the fleet off Yarmouth. If the wind continues northerly, we will wait for you 48 hours. If not, go into the roads, and wait for further orders. Endeavour to avoid Admiral Van Tromp with his fleet, which is now abroad. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

May 27. The Resolution, off the Texel.

115. John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. It has been resolved that the whole fleet shall sail for the English coast, anchor off Yarmouth Sand, and remain there 48 hours for the ships coming to them, and orders are sent to the ships in Hull, Yarmouth, and the Thames, to repair to us. Van Tromp is at Goree with 120 men-of-war, and more are to join him, which cannot be avoided if we stay on this coast. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 27. The Resolutio N.W. of the Texel.

116. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Commissioners. I could not before send you an account of the fleet's motions; it is in very good condition, the men in good health, and there are 614 mariners on board the Resolution, but only a few able seamen. It is intended to engage with the enemy, which is desired by all. I will send the muster books when completed. They have been delayed through the absence of Mr. Blundel, clerk of the check of the Resolution. I am acting as his deputy. [1 *page.*]

May 27. The Texel.

117. Thos. Orton, clerk of the check, to the Navy Commissioners. I send two muster books. We are safe from Shotland, and on the Holland coast, took some of the Dutch fishermen. We heard their fleet was gone northward, but could not find it, and we see no men-of-war here, but there is a speech of a fleet to come out, which we are now waiting for. We want the usual allowance for our sick men. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 28. The Resolution.

118. Generals Deane and Monck to the Admiralty Committee, We want a bill made out for payment to Capt. Wm. Haddock of the Hannibal, for a quantity of shot, powder, and match on board his ship, the State being now obliged to supply gunners' stores. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 28. 4 a.m., The Unicorn, Yarmouth.

119. Capt. Peter Strong to the Council of State. I will use my best abilities to accomplish your desire, but I am detained from sailing for the Humber by contrary winds. I am informed by all the pilots that my ship cannot go in there without great danger of losing her; if we go further north, we shall have to ride in the open sea, without shelter or succour against any opposer. We should have to stand off almost as far as the coast of Holland, and when we are gone, our fleet might come southward, and we being only eight ships of war with victuallers, may be over-mastered if met by the Dutch fleet, and

the loss of the victuallers would be very prejudicial. We therefore think it better to stay at Yarmouth until it is known where our fleet is, or till the Dutch move westward. I have not a nimble vessel to send out to gain intelligence, but will send you all I can get. [1 *page.*]

May 28. Hull. **120.** Col. Rt. Overton to the Admiralty Committee. According to your orders, I will direct the ports northward to set out nimble vessels to gain or give intelligence. I will forward yours to the Generals by a nimble ketch I am preparing. Capt. Strong has not yet arrived, but all things are ready for him. I doubt not but the Dutch have arrived in Dover Road in order to their own destruction and dissipation. [½ *page.*]

May 28. Hull. **121.** Col. Rt. Overton to the Admiralty Committee. On receipt of yours I sent your intimations to Bridlington, Scarborough, and Whitby, and hired a nimble frigate of 14 guns, manned with 60 seamen and soldiers, for gaining and giving intelligence to or of the fleet, and telling them of the station of the Dutch in Dover Road. I have not heard of Capt. Strong. [⅔ *page.*]

May 28. Dover. **122.** Thos. Green to the Admiralty Committee. I have been so busy in preserving our ships here that I asked the deputy-governor to write you news. 50 sail of the Dutch fleet, with English colours at their bowsprit, arrived off Southsand Head last Wednesday at 10 a.m., and fired several broadsides on the Drake and three other vessels, but did not then reduce them, and came to anchor in the roads. An hour after, another fleet of 60 great ships, three Admirals, arrived and fired on the town, but did little harm. They kept close to shore, to prevent the Drake coming in. I signalled to her to run aground rather than be taken, which she did, and then I sent eight boats to take her off, which they did, and she is now nearly repaired. They took the other three vessels. We sent an express to Portsmouth to take care of the ships there, not knowing which way the Dutch fleet would go. The rendezvous was between Calais and Dover, but they have gone northward. I wish our nine men-of-war in Yarmouth knew of their motions. [2¼ *pages.*]

May 28. Dover. **123.** Thos. Green to the Navy Commissioners. To the same effect as the preceding. I have provided masts for the Wildman. The Golden Cock has gone for Portsmouth with a convoy. I want orders to purchase some anchors and cables of the East India Company at Sandwich. [2⅔ *pages.*]

May 28. Newcastle. **124.** Hen. Dawson, Mayor, to the Admiralty Committee. I despatched your packet for the Generals to Shields by our water bailiff, who gave it to Capts. Dan. Morgan and Wetwang. If Morgan could not get out and take it, he would send it by one of the ketches. They heard that our fleet was on the Dogger Bank on May 24, off the Flie. The narrative you sent gave the commanders great satisfaction. Capt. Dan. Morgan, who has the money, has been detained by contrary winds. 100 colliers are ready to sail, but want men; they are under convoy of Captains Wyard, Yates, and Sheres.

P.S.—I have received and sent off the expresses to the Generals, but I hope our fleet is near or with the Dutch ere this. [1⅓ *pages.*]

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May 28. Weymouth. **125.** John Arthur to the Admiralty Committee. I have sent a frigate to Guernsey and Jersey with the Council's packets, and sent out scouts. If you will appoint me vice-admiral of this county, I will obey all your commands, but such a mixture of orders to me and the Mayor breeds distraction. If the Dutch had a mind to land in Portland, there are only 10 persons in Portland, in Sandsfoot Castle 3 old men, and in this place 12 is our strength. [1 *page.*]

May 28. Lyme. **126.** Anth. Ellesdon to the Admiralty Committee. On your orders I have pressed the Good Intent of Lyme to ply between the Land's End and the Isle of Wight, to gain intelligence of the enemy and when he discovers them, to repair to the next port, and send you a post. I have promised him freight and damages. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 28. Yarmouth. **127.** Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Committee. On your orders to the bailiffs and me, we hired and despatched a nimble ketch to discover the English fleet, and will send you any news that comes. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 29. Yarmouth. **128.** Bailiffs of Yarmouth and Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Committee. We send several packets of letters brought in at 11 a.m. from the Generals of the fleet. It is not 5 leagues east of this place, sailing southward, and Capt. Strong, with the remainder of the fleet in the Roads, is ordered to join it. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 29. The Resolution, off Yarmouth. **129.** John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. We are waiting to convoy such ships as shall come from the river and Hull. Being a great stranger to any transactions with you, I should like to know something of the issue of our late change [in the Government]. I dare not but conclude it will be for the better. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 29. The Hamburg Merchant, Dundee. **130.** Capt. Wm. Pestell to the Admiralty Committee. I told you in mine of the 27th from Aberdeen, that I waited there for 12 busses which the Generals ordered me to convoy to Scarborough, but they got so high in the harbour that they could not get off till spring tide, five days hence, so I came hither, where I will stay till they follow, and then we will sail to Burlington Bay and the Humber. The Falmouth was going northward to look for the fleet, but as I could not direct her, she has joined me. I give you a list of eight ships with me. [1 *page.*]

May 29. The Drake, 10 p.m., Dover. **131.** Capt. Robt. Clarke to the Admiralty Committee. I hope to be at sea again by next Tuesday. I directed the Horseydown to ply to the northward as far as North Sands Head, between England and Flanders and on the French coast, to discover the motions of the Dutch fleet, and return on Monday. I hear that three of their ships are riding in Calais Road, but the rest were not discovered. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

May 30. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Samuel Atkins referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

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2. The petition of Mary Jones, widow, referred to the Navy Commissioners, who are to inquire into the fact, and if they find it as alleged, to give her the usual allowance.

5. Wm. Brent to be sent over into Ireland together with Jeoffry Browne.

6. The report on the appointing of a Committee to take the accounts of the nation approved as to the matter therein offered and contained in several heads, and Mr. Thurloe to put the same into the method of Instructions, and offer it to Council.

7. The report made by Col. Jones from the Committee to take account of the present state of the Mint remitted to them, to reconsider and advise with such persons as they think fit concerning the way of setting the Mint speedily to work, and they are to appoint the carrying of it on by persons fit to be trusted, and in such manner as is most for the service of the commonwealth.

8. Order granting the petition of David Barret, Richard Lay, and others, on behalf of a congregated church in Wells, Somersetshire, to have the Chapter House allowed them to meet in for the exercise of religion, unless good cause be shown to the contrary by the magistrate of Wells within 14 days of seeing this order. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 163-165.]

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Falcon flyboat, Shields.

132. Capt. Barth. Yates to the Admiralty Committee. I have 100 very proper seamen more than my company on board, which I pressed out of the coal fleet and other ships in harbour, and intended to bring them and the coal fleet to Lee Road, but order has arrived that no ships are to go out; and as I have somewhat disabled the coal fleet by taking the men, the Mayor of Newcastle thinks it will not be prudent for them to sail without a convoy. I want orders for myself, and Capts. Wyard and Wetwang, who have come in, whether to stay for the fleet, or come out the first opportunity. The three packets have gone to the fleet, and there are two fire-ships and two hoys with water to follow. [1 *page.*]

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Custom House, Newcastle.

133. Geo. Dawson to the Admiralty Committee. I have dispatched all your letters to the Generals at sea, and the victuallers have sailed with provisions and water for the fleet, but Capts. Wyard and Yates, who were to convoy the 100 colliers, are stayed by an order of the Council of State forbidding vessels to leave this harbour. The two fire-ships know not whether to adventure, not knowing where our fleet is; we hope they know the Dutch have gone southward. The Unity has brought in a few Hull ships. [1⅔ *pages.*]

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Hull.

134. Col. Rt. Overton to the Admiralty Committee. I hear from the frigate I sent forth of the fleet's coming to Yarmouth Roads, and the Generals have sent in a ketch with an order to Captain Strong or W. Pestell who have not yet come up, so I have sent it back with the best information I could get. I hope all your return letters will reach. The ketch was only allowed 48 hours to return to the fleet, or if he cannot keep that time, to Yarmouth Roads.

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I have sent to Tynemouth bar for all ships to return there. The Generals have sent a challenge to Van Tromp to come to sea, and give them an opportunity for an encounter, but as there are 300 Dutch merchantmen bound for the Eastland lying on the back of Yarmouth Sands, I fear Tromp's design is rather to draw off our fleet to make them way, than any present action. [1 *page.*]

May 30. Hull. **135.** Rich. Freeman to the Admiralty Committee. A ketch has come in from the Generals, with orders to Capt. Strong to take all the victualling and other ships to Yarmouth Roads, and orders have been given along the coast between this and Newcastle and Aberdeen for all others to repair there. I have loaded 450 tons of provisions, and 200 tons of water, and only stay for Capt. Strong. [1 *page.*]

May 30. The Unicorn, Yarmouth Roads. **136.** Capt. Peter Strong to the Admiralty Committee. The Generals having arrived at the back of the Yarmouth Sands on the 29th inst. with the fleet, I sent them notice of Tromp being in the Downs, and that on the 28th he weighed with some 80 sail for the coast of Holland, where I believe he now is. I am weighing anchor to join the fleet. [½ *page.*]

May 30. Post house, Bristol. **137.** Capt. Thos. Hewitt and Jno. Pene to the Navy Commissioners. You write that great complaints have been made from here against us, especially by the Navy Victuallers' agents, for pressing their men and disabling them from sailing to Portsmouth, but we have only pressed 6 men out of the ship, and then because they were not ready to sail. We will avoid the like disservice in future; we promised to refurnish them when ready. If they produced a protection, we should have submitted.

The State is grossly abused by people here getting protections to transport the State's provisions to Ireland, when they are only merchants' goods. When we return to London, we hope to answer all complaints against us. There are 4 or 5 in prison for deserting after being pressed, and some for beating the press officer. We have impressed 95 since our last. We are journeying to London by Portsmouth, to compare our impress book with that of the clerk of the check, and see what absentees there are, that men may be appointed to find them out. [1 *page.*]

May 30. Leghorn. **138.** Charles Longland to the Council of State. Two Dutch men-of-war and seven merchantmen left Leghorn on the 19th for Amsterdam, and on the 23rd, 18 more men-of-war followed them, amongst which were the Leopard and Spahi. The chief commander has sent order to the eight men-of-war that went for Messina to follow them to the Straits' mouth, where, by their own report, they intend to lie and wait for the Venice ships; but we are credibly informed that all these ships are called home for Holland, and intend to call upon the coast of Spain for all the merchant ships there, which together will make 50 sail. Whether they will go about Scotland, or go to Brest in France, to join with the fleet there, and so through the Channel together, I know not. But you may know better where to look for them, and it is probable they

will bend a good strength of ships of war that way, being 30 men-of-war and as many merchantmen. They are very weakly manned, having lost 400 men in the two fights, besides what are maimed, and their courage is likewise suitable thereto, for the chief commander of all these ships in the Straits told Capt. Appleton when he put him ashore (for our captive commanders are enlarged here), that he doubted it would be his turn to be taken before he got home, and therefore desired a recommendation, that his usage in such case might be no worse than he had shown to Appleton.

On the 22nd inst., Capts. Appleton, Seaman, and Marsh were put on shore, upon my security and that of two other English merchants in a bond of 12,000 pieces of eight, to present the said captains in two months' time prisoners in Holland, for which place they intend to depart in four days.

I have only heard of the Venice ships that they were met in that gulf, and had been at Ragusa. We will give them advice of what passes, that they may avoid meeting with so great a fleet of Dutch. I have not received any letters or orders how these ships should proceed, so can do no further therein. As soon as the Dutch are gone out of the Straits homewards, I will send home the powder and saltpetre. [2 *pages.*]

May 30. Leghorn. **139.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty and Navy Committee. You will see by the enclosed accounts and receipts how the monies I have drawn upon the navy treasurer have been disposed of to the merchant ships which I have taken up and fitted for service, for advance or imprest money, and what I expended on others. The Dutch fleet of 20 men-of-war and seven merchant ships, with the Leopard, are gone to the west, and we believe for Holland, although they give it out they will lie at the Straits' mouth to meet our Venice ships, of which the last news we had was that they were at the mouth of the Gulf of Venice. A chief reason why we believe that all these Dutch are called home is because they have sent to call away another squadron of eight ships from Messina, to come likewise to the rest at the Straits' mouth, which will be the whole they have in these seas. If I can be advised for certainty that they are gone home, I think it will be best for the Venice ships to keep here, as they would do the enemy much spoil, for these seas are very full of their merchantmen; but I suppose you have ordered long before this what the Venice ships shall do. [*With copies of his letter of* 11*th May.* 3 *pages.*]

May 31. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Tomlinson added to the Committee of Council for managing of the ———

2. The Committee for taking account of miscarriages in the Upper Bench and other prisons to commit to the custody of the Serjeant-at-arms attending Council all persons offering them any affront during their sittings as a Committee, to remain in custody till further order; also to return to Council the names of such as are committed, and the cause.

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3. The challenge between Mr. Perrott and Mr. Throckmorton referred to the Committee formerly appointed for similar business, to examine them and any others concerned in the challenge, and report.

4. Cornelius Arian de Croaks, lately committed to the Fleet, to be removed to the Gatehouse.

5. Mr. Thurloe to prepare an instrument for prolonging the time of the sitting and acting of the Committee for Obstructions.

6. To order the Committee for Obstructions to represent to Council in writing what obstructs their despatching the matters heretofore cognisable before them, and what may be done to remedy the same.

7, 8. 20*l.* from contingent moneys to be paid to Mrs. Swaine, for a small piece of her husband's ground, and Mr. Harrison to ask the Deputy-Governor of Shrewsbury whether the said land, now used for fortifying Shrewsbury Castle, can conveniently be spared and restored to its owner. [*Also Vol. XXXVI., No.* **140.**]

9. To write the Commissioners appointed to hear the differences between the drainers of the Fens and the people of the country, that on an insurrection lately made by the fen people, and an attempt on the property of the adventurers there, Council ordered a troop of horse to go thither to appease the tumult, not holding it fit that the people should right themselves in that way. Also that Council, having since received a petition from some who complain of grievances, and that they cannot be heard therein, sends it to them, that the complainers may be heard, and justice done them.

10. Order for a warrant to Ald. Herring and Mr. Waring to pay to Auditor Sherwin all moneys in their hands received for compositions and sequestrations.

11. Order for a warrant to the Haberdashers' Hall Committee to order Auditor Sherwin to pay to the Treasurers-at-war the remainder of the 100,000*l.* ordered out of that treasury for the army.

12. Capt. Blackwell and Mr. Desborow to come to Council tomorrow.

14. The petition and paper of Daniel Norman and others of Jersey referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to hear the petitioners in reference to that island if they have not been already heard, or have anything new to propound, and if anything of moment be offered by them, which might be added to the report already made by that Committee, they are to add it, and present it to Council.

15. The petition of Thos. Skelton referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to hear him on the business, and report.

16. Cols. Pride and Grosvenor, Lieut.-Cols. White, Zanchy, and Fenton; Major Packer, Mr. Bolton, Methuselah Turner, and Henry Brandriff, to be a Committee to consider the state of Savoy Hospital and Ely House, both in reference to the persons employed therein and their allowances, the number and qualities of the sick and maimed men, and pensioners maintained from thence, and the allowance made for relief of those sent there for cure. Upon full

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information on these and other particulars, they are to proceed to a thorough regulation of the said houses, and so to bestow their management that the treasure allowed them may not be wasted; and that only such men may be admitted as are proved to be deserving of relief; they are to send for such persons or papers as shall give them any insight into the business, and examine them on any matters concerning the hospitals. The Committee to continue for three months. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 168–172.]

May 31. Ipswich.

141. Capt. Robt. Wilkinson to the Admiralty Committee. I have impressed 40 men in all. Mr. Gale, commander of the victualling ship at Harwich, has pressed 100 and has but 24, for he lets them run away. When I came to press, he sent his pinnace to press, which made the men run away, and hindered me of 20. I met some of his men drinking here; the victuals lie by the ship's side, and nobody to take them in. The master's mate advised the men to deny press money, but I impressed *him.* I want a warrant to take some on board who have received the press money and will not serve. I have got much ill will here by pressing. I am about to return to the Lee Road by order of Major Bourne. [1 *page.*]

May 31. Harwich.

142. John Scott to the Admiralty Committee. Since my last, I have pressed 27 men, and delivered them to Capt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth pink, who having pressed all he could out of the colliers, is gone to Ipswich to press there. I now despair of getting any more here, and will go to Yarmouth, where I will get what I can, and expect further orders. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 31. The Resolution, off Dunnidge [Dunwich].

143. Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. Yesterday whilst we were at anchor off Yarmouth, the Unicorn, Portland, six merchant men-of-war, and nine or ten victualling ships came to us, and the whole fleet is between Dunnidge and Aldborow, and will ply as high as the Longsand Head, to expect the ships in the river and Lee Road. Admiral Van Tromp with his fleet was seen last night off Longsand Head, and we will try to find him out. We wonder some wood and candles or money for them have not been sent, as also hammocks, of which there is great want. Give us any intelligence you have. We trust the Lord will give us wisdom to manage our great trust.

P.S.—We have sent the two Swedish and two Danish ships to the Thames, under convoy of the Merchant Adventure. [1 *page.*]

May 31. The Resolution.

144. Gens. Deane and Monk to the Admiralty Committee. We send a certificate of powder, shot, and match bought of Capt. Hen. Collins, of the Malaga Merchant, and desire order to the Navy Commissioners to give a bill for payment for them. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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145. Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners execute with all possible speed the request of the Generals for sending down clothes, at reasonable rates, for the seamen of the Resolution, who are in great want thereof. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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146. Rich. Bradshaw to [Robt. Blackmore]. I was glad to hear by the merchants that all was well, and that Council sat close to settle the government, in which great work God direct them. Mr. Crisp desires you to excuse him to Council, and wishes me to forbear charging my bills of exchange upon him for the State, until I have his allowance for it, so that if I had bought up the whole parcel of powder, I should have been at a stand for money to pay for it; but I suppose your next will give order, so that I may charge my bills for the needful upon him or some other merchant of known credit.

Since the last post I have bought 100 more casks of powder, and have a promise of 200 or 300 more, and go on providing the masts, having met with some of 23 to 25 palms.

I have, upon my own engagement, taken up 1,000*l.* more, and charged my bills directly upon Council, payable at 20 days' sight to Hen. Crisp, and I hope you will move that they may be accepted and paid, to avoid the trouble of the merchants attending Committees, which they will be loath to do where there is no profit. The Russ, Dane, and Portuguese bought up all the powder in town, while your order lingered, so that what I get for the future must be from other parts. There are some powder mills near the city, which will undertake to deliver small parcels weekly, but not under 33 rix dollars per cwt. If you want it, and order me to buy it at price current, I will do it, but then a merchant must be assigned on whom to charge my bills, and whose consent I must have.

There will be no depending on the ships here for sending of the masts home, but some long Dutch ones must be sent with the convoy, of 90 to 100 feet in the hold. I presume you have prize ships fit for that service.

Ships grow very scarce here, being generally taken up for the Dutch, and though I might meet with some, yet the rates would be high, so I think it best for the State to send ships with the convoy and give private notice thereof. Mr. Wainwright says the 497*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* was not paid, but only promised by Council, and as he wants an order for it on the Prize Office, pray procure it, as also for the last 200*l.* for this quarter's allowance.

By letters from Emden we understand our fleet of 100 sail passed along the Dutch coast on the 25th, in search of Tromp, who was lately gone to vapour upon our coast; I hope that ours got between him and home, and that we shall shortly hear of considerable action.

The King of Denmark, being put to his shifts for money, either to maintain the war with the Dutch against England, or, if you make a peace with them, to pay for the detained ships and other old sores, has lighted on a handsome project for raising 1,600,000 rix dollars or 350,000*l.* sterling, to be brought in by his subjects or strangers, as this book sets forth, which is briefly thus: He has put in security in eight divisions of his countries, to pay five per cent. interest for 200,000 rix dollars, to be raised by 2,000 persons in every division, at 100 dollars a man, and the King to pay the five per cent. by his sureties to the survivors of those 2,000, even to the last man,

and so to be quit of principal and interest, when all the 2,000 are dead. 'Tis thought he will raise the money, or much of it, speedily; the hopes of surviving to carry away the interest amongst a few will draw men on to lend such small sums, and the project hurts none. The undertakers for the interest in each division are secured by the King and Council.

I hope in a post or two to have an answer from Sweden and Denmark touching the business you wrote about.

I send you a letter for the titular Lord Wentworth.

P.S.—The city of Lubec lately granted leave for the English merchants to pass their goods, as tar, hemp, &c., through their city from several parts of the Baltic Sea, for which I gave them thanks; but since the peevish burgesses have petitioned against it, it has been recalled, so that the merchants of this company, having much goods there, are troubled, not knowing how to get them thence; and the city drive at it to have the English to buy all such commodities of them, which will make them much dearer. I know not why they should not suffer necessaries for the navy to pass their city, being in amity, and I shall try for it. [2 *pages.*]

[May.] **147.** Offers of the well-affected postmasters to the Posts' Committee. The order of the Council of State in the case of the inland Post Office being that it be improved to the greatest advantage, either by farm or account, they conceive the advantage consists not so much in the advance of money, as the service and safety of the State, and beg to offer:—

1. That persons of known integrity may be employed in all parts, and a sufficient salary allowed, as becomes a trust of that great concernment.

2. That a fit person be appointed for the control thereof, according to orders from the State, by means whereof the postmasters may be enabled to carry on the service with ease to the people and advantage to the public, respect being had to the satisfaction of the new undertakers, if the State thinks fit.

3. As righteousness exalteth a nation, it is hoped that after the expense of so much blood and treasure, the very things adjudged and condemned in others (viz., monopolies) will not now be practised, but that, next to the public safety, you will be tender of the people's just liberty; for both by the laws of God and man, it is lawful for every man to employ himself in a lawful calling, especially in that to which he has been bred, and it is also lawful for divers men to employ themselves in one calling, otherwise there must be as many callings as men.

4. For avoiding of many inconveniences that will follow in the farming of it, viz.: The persons depositing or obliging themselves for so much money a year, will not lay out themselves and their estates without expectation of profit, which must arise either out of the people's letters or postmasters' labour, besides the hazard to the commonwealth; for notwithstanding the faithfulness of the postmasters, yet if they will not do their work at their rates (which may

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prove an oppression too heavy, like that in Egypt), others shall. [1 *page.*]

[May.] **148.** Reasons why Mrs. Witherings should share in the profits of the foreign post :—

1. That the large portion that she brought to her husband helped to purchase the same.

2. The personal estate, whereof by law she ought to have the third, is swallowed up by his office, in securing and improving it, and by the debts contracted thereby.

3. Her husband by will left the profits of this office to their young son, who died soon after his father, which, if the latter could have foreseen, he would not have passed over his wife and daughter, and given all away to a nephew.

4. The contest between her and his nephew, being by the advice of Lord Bradshaw put to arbitration, the third of the profits was awarded to her and her daughter, so long as her nephew should enjoy the office, her right preceding his in conscience, if not in law also.

5. She has not 100*l.* a year left for her maintenance, whereas 105*l.* a year of her land was sold for procuring this office.

6. She hopes her casting herself upon the piety and equity of the Council of State and this Committee, as it does not lessen her right, will not prejudice her in obtaining it. [1 *page.*]

May. **149.** Report of the Committee for management of the posts. In pursuance of the order and reference of the Council of State of the 11th inst., we conferred with Sir David Watkins as to his claim to the foreign Post Office, and find it to be derived from several changes and alienations, by virtue of a patent from the late King, which granted the office of Postmaster of England and for foreign parts for life to Wm. Frisell and Thos. Witherings, in reversion after Mathew De Quester, but it is submitted whether his pretension is not extinguished, because—

1. By the patent, Frisell and Witherings were diligently to attend that service, both before and after the death of Witherings, but Frisell, the survivor, has not attended the service, and the power of making assignees and deputies extended only to that part of the execution which in more places than one could not be performed by himself.

2. The patent being only for this office as a place of trust, and a salary being settled upon the patentee for due performance, it is submitted whether it does not die with the master.

3. The resolve of the late Parliament that the office of Postmaster, both inland and foreign, is in the sole power and disposal of the Parliament, supersedes the pretensions of Sir David Watkins.

We have also conferred with Mr. Robinson respecting his claim to the said office from Lord Stanhope, who had a patent from Queen Elizabeth, renewed by King James, but it is submitted whether it is of any force, because—

1. The Post Office, being a place of trust, the right of the patentee from King James died with himself, but more especially in this

place than in the former, for that the successor of King James, viz., Charles I., was so far from confirming this patent, that he superseded it, first, by granting another to De Quester, and afterwards to Frisell and Witherings, and by persuading or compelling the surrender thereof, the legality of which we do not determine, but *de facto* Lord Stanhope being divested, the claim of all pretenders from him wholly ceased.

2. Being an office of trust, whether it is assignable without permission of the trustee.

3. The resolves of the late Parliament determine this as well as the former, and indeed all other claims, and to this is added that if Mr. Robinson has any right remaining, yet to the end this office may be improved for the benefit of the commonwealth, he is willing to cease further pretences.

Unless either of these claims be yet thought worthy of acceptance, we think the best way of managing the foreign Post Office is—

1. By a conjunction of it with the inland post.

2. Being so joined together, that they be committed to some person or persons to manage, on the terms proposed with reference to the inland post.

That the rates for which letters are to be carried be as follows, viz., for a single letter to Ireland, 6*d.*; Scotland, 4*d.*; to all parts above 100 miles from London, 3*d.*; within 100 miles of London, 2*d.*, and so proportionably. A single letter is one written in one sheet of paper sealed; a double letter is one sheet of paper which covers another sheet sealed up; a treble letter proportionably.

2. That the places in Ireland for the delivery of the letters that come by way of Milford be Waterford, of those from Chester, Dublin; and the place in Scotland for all letters out of England, Leith or Edinburgh.

3. The public letters are to be those directed to or from the Lord General, Council of State, Commissioners of the Admiralty, Generals of the fleet, and generals and officers of the army, and the Commanders-in-Chief in Ireland and Scotland; also those to or from any Committee intrusted with the management of public affairs wherein their private interest is not concerned. The Commissioners of Excise and Customs, having their poundage for management of those affairs respectively, ought not to have their postage free. The Commissioners for the Monthly Assessments, for Inspection, and the Irish and Scotch Committee, not being in that capacity, should have theirs free, provided that the letters or packets not known by their seal have an endorsement, "For the service of the commonwealth," and be signed by the secretary or clerk.

4. The rental to be paid by the undertakers of the foreign and inland posts not to be less than 6,300*l.*, and a reasonable time to be allowed for competition, by persons qualified.

5. The time for which this trust shall continue, not to exceed two years, nor be less than one. [*Draft.* 4 *pages.*]

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June 1. Council of State. Day's Proceedings.

1. The quorum of the Committee sitting at Haberdashers' Hall for the business of indemnity to be 3, and they are hereby empowered to act with that number as well as with their former number.

2. An account to be taken of what restriction was laid upon the ports by the letter of Council of 27th May, and if an embargo was thereby laid, a letter to be written to take it off.

4. The petition of Capt. Thos. Beale referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

6. That of Samuel Hawkes, mariner of Wapping, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to see if anything has yet been done for his relief; if not, they are to allow him what is usual, and certify what should be further done for him.

7. Order on petition of Margaret Calcot, of the Isle of Man, widow, that she attend Lord Fairfax with her petition, and wait his answer in the business.

8. To write the bailiffs of Yarmouth to give order for the securing of the 60 Dutch prisoners sent to them from the fleet, and to make them the usual allowance, and they are to draw their bills for reimbursement upon the Admiralty Commissioners.

9. The Lieutenant of the Tower, Dr. Hubbard, Mr. Waterton, and Solomon Smith, to examine the late riot in Wapping, and proceed with such as they shall find to have had a hand therein, according to law.

11. The order this day passed, appointing a Committee to judge of the Adventurers' claims for land in Ireland, to be printed, and the printer after printing the first correct copy, to bring it to Mr. Thurloe to examine, before any more are printed.

12. The Committee of Council appointed for bringing in instructions for disposing of forfeited lands in Ireland to confer with the persons forming the Committee for receiving the Adventurers' claims to land in Ireland, concerning the carrying on of the business, and deliver them the order of Council whereby they are appointed a Committee to that purpose.

13. The Committee for Whitehall to give notice to all persons who have lodgings in the house, being not members of the Council or the Admiralty Committee, or not having any other public employment necessarily requiring their attendance at Whitehall, to depart their respective lodgings within 14 days.

14. That Committee to give in to Council a list of all the lodgings in the house, and by whom they are now possessed, and particulars of all such goods belonging to the State as are used in any of the said lodgings.

17. To write the Lord General to order Col. Cooper to give in to Col. Fitch, Governor of Inverness, three culverins and three demi-culverins, with their carriages, now in the Isles of Orkney, to be employed for the defence of Inverness garrison.

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18. To write Lieut.-Col. Lagoe to deliver James Geare five minions of iron, lent by him at desire of Col. Sydenham for defence of the garrison at Weymouth upon Geare's security, till Council be certified by Col. Sydenham that the guns were borrowed for the security of Weymouth. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 175–181.]

June 1.
Whitehall.

1. Council of State to the Navy Commissioners. Roger Napkin, late surgeon of the Anthony Bonadventure, petitions for allowance to fit himself for service, having lost medicaments, instruments, and books, value 40*l.*, when his ship was taken in fight with the Dutch. We wish you therefore to direct speedy payment to him of 10*l.* [⅔ *page.*]

June 1.
Whitehall.

Council of State to Capt. Hen. Green and all concerned in his privateer. The late Council on 14 March, gave license to Jas. Godscall, merchant, for the Gift of God [of Dieppe] to pass from Hull to Nantes; which notwithstanding, she was seized and brought into Plymouth by your privateer. You are to restore the ship and allow her to proceed on her voyage. [*I.* 69, *p.* 183.]

June 1.
Chatham.

2. Commissioner Peter Pett to the [Admiralty Committee]. I send a letter to the Lord General returned in the smack sent out on Tuesday, but I will send her out again for intelligence to-morrow. I rejoice that the eight ships and frigates have joined the fleet, and that there is a probability of their engaging the enemy, being of late so near them. We are paying off the Straits' fleet, and I will secure all the men I can that are fit for service, but they are most disordered seamen. I hope to reduce them to better temper, but an example ought to be made of the ringleaders of their many mutinies. [1 *page.*]

June 1.
7 p.m.,
Chatham.

3. Commissioner Peter Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I have just received a letter dated 31 May, from the Generals at sea, who are at anchor off Dunwich, that Admiral Van Tromp with the Dutch fleet was seen the night before off the Longsands Head, and that they will endeavour to engage with him. We are paying off the Straits' fleet, who are the rudest people I ever saw; I hope the ringleaders will be called to account. I desire the provisions for the Reserve may be hastened down, as also any letters for the fleet, as the smack sails to-morrow, by order of the Admiralty Committee, to give intelligence. [1 *page.*]

June 1.
The
Nicodemus,
Ramsgate Road.

4. Capt. Wm. Ledgant to the Admiralty Committee. Ninety sail of Hollanders, chiefly small vessels, arrived at the North Foreland this morning, and forced me and the fishermen into the road. I have brought two guns on shore to secure them. [⅓ *page.*]

June 1.
Dover.

5. Wm. Cullen to Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, Whitehall. The Dutch fleet is approaching towards the back of the Sands, and may be here suddenly. The troopers on the last occasion marched out of the town towards Deal, Sandwich, and Thanet, as the Dutch motion

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would occasion. We are now sending for them to return to our relief. You say that our fleet is come into Yarmouth Roads, but the report here is that it is only a squadron of 14 sail that went out last. The Lord is with us and will be our refuge. [¾ *page.*]

June 2. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on information of tumultuous meetings in and about Wolverhampton, under pretence of setting up a maypole, that Quartermaster-Gen. Grosvenor repair thither with all speed, and by advice with the magistrates and justices of peace there, endeavour in a fair way to quiet and dismiss the people; and in case of opposition and refusal to obey directions from the justices, whereby it shall appear they have evil intentions as to disturbing the public peace, he is to send for such troops as are quartered in those parts, and use them for suppressing the tumult, and apprehending the leaders, that they may be examined and proceeded against according to law.

4. Order on petition of the participants in the draining of the level of Hatfield Chase, cos. York, Lincoln, and Notts, that Henry Darley or the clerk of the Committee where the business was depending be desired to send Council the report in his hands, from a Committee of Parliament appointed for that purpose, which he was to make to Parliament. [*See No.* **11** *infrâ.*]

5. A warrant to be issued to Mr. Sherwin, now treasurer at Goldsmiths' Hall, to pay 230*l.* weekly for maimed soldiers and widows, according to the Act of Parliament.

6. The petition of Edward King, a poor ancient seaman, referred to the Navy Commissioners.

8. Order on petition of the parishioners of Feckenham, co. Worcester, that John Wilmot, now minister, be continued there, unless cause be shown to the contrary by Mrs. Robbins, who claims the gift of that place.

9. Mr. Thurloe, with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Turpin, two Commissioners for Prize Goods, as also Maj. Wigan and Cornet Day, to repair to the Admiralty Court, and deliver in on oath after the usual manner the papers now sealed up, which were taken out of the Samson, Salvadore, and George.

10, 11. Mr. Perrott and Mr. Throckmorton, prisoners with the Serjeant-at-arms for being engaged in a challenge, to be dismissed on bonds in 1,000*l.* and two sureties in 500*l.* each, not further to prosecute their challenge.

12. The Committee for preparing instructions for the diposing of forfeited lands in Ireland to consider how the soldiers presently to be disbanded in Ireland may be paid, and to prepare instructions and report.

13. Capt. Blackwell and Mr. Desborow to attend to-morrow at 9 a.m., and to inform the President when they arrive.

14. The treaty with Portugal to be the first business considered to-morrow.

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15. The Ordnance Committee to order the speedy fetching away of the brass guns belonging to the Sovereign, from Guernsey and Jersey, and to supply iron guns in their place, if necessary for the safety of the islands.

16. The particulars presented by Col. Clarke, in reference to the business of Ireland, to be transcribed and referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

18. Col. Robert Lilburne's letter from Dalkeith, dated May 26, and directed to the Lord General, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

20. Methuselah Turner, Robert Hamond, Henry Brandriffe, Nathaniel Manton, Dr. Hubbert, Francis Blomer, Col. George Gill, Lieut.-Col. Fenton, Elias Roberts, and Mr. Scobell to attend the Committee sitting at Whitehall, of which Major-General Lambert has the chair, to-morrow at 3 p.m.

21. Order that all licenses heretofore granted by the late Council of State or Navy Commissioners for import of prohibited goods, be not longer in force after 14 days, many complaints having been made by merchants and others of prejudice to trade thereby, excepting only those for import of hemp, tar, deals, and other commodities useful for shipping. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 184–190.]

June 2.
Dover.

6. Mayor and jurats of Dover to the Admiralty Committee. On May 1 last, Amb. Duke, John Buckland, and Rich. Cooper, of Rye, Sussex, mariners, were committed to prison for deserting the service and other misdemeanours. As they are very poor and penitent, and willing to serve, we desire an order for their discharge from prison. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

6. I. *Deposition of Fras. Begnell, soldier in Dover Castle, as to an assault committed upon him in a victualling house by Ambrose Duke and two other mariners, who were drinking the health of Charles II., and refused to go on board their ship although impressed.—Dover, May* 1, 1653. [1 *page.*]

June 2.
5 p.m.
Gravesend.

7. Capt. Wm. Wildey to the Admiralty Committee. I doubt not but Major Bourne has given an account when General Blake sailed in the Essex, with the several ships with him, but they were this morning no lower than Shoeburyness, the wind being contrary. I have been on board those left at Lee, and find them very poorly manned, the men having been taken out for those ships that are gone, but I hope to recruit them out of passing vessels. I want an order for impressing some more to be sent to them, as also for sending down some soldiers and 200 hammocks. Gen. Deane and his fleet were off Harwich this morning, but the Dutch fleet are gone from Longsand Head, and I cannot hear which way. With note of the numbers of men, boys, and soldiers on seven ships named. [1 *page.*]

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June 2. The Essex, Middle of the Gun Fleet.

8. General Robert Blake to the Admiralty Committee. We have received divers orders from the Generals abroad to the commanders of ships to hasten to them, being then between the Longsand Head and the Ness, but now we know not where the fleet is, having only had a verbal order not to stir below Gunfleet till further order. Send us intelligence, for I am anxious to take such share in the service as the infirmity of my body, which I find increasing, will bear. If they engage before we can join them, I hope the Lord of Hosts will be in the midst of them. [1 *page.*]

June 2. Leith.

9. Edw. Syler and Rich Saltonstall to the Admiralty Committee. We despatched the intelligence you sent us to the fleet, writing to the Mayor of Newcastle about it, but we have no more intelligence of the fleet than what you gave us, which we thank you for sending, in such a press of business. Captains Allen, Bun, and Drue, of the Recovery, Greyhound, and — Pink, have come in, being appointed for the northern guard. Capt. Pestell and others were yesterday in St. Andrew's Bay. We have shipped 50 volunteers on board the Falcon ordered to be fitted for sea, all able seamen. [1 *page.*]

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10. Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners call the owners and captain of the merchant ship Recovery before them, to inquire why she has not her proportion of stores, and if they are not forthwith supplied, to certify the names of the defaulters. With list of the 14 owners. [1 *page.*]

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11. Report [presented to Council] by William Say and Hen. Darley, on the petition of the participants in the drainage of the level of Hatfield Chase, referred to them by order of Parliament of Jan. 16, 1651–2. The petitioners, at an expense of 175,046*l.*, drained and laid dry 60,000 acres of land, lying contiguous, in cos. York, Lincoln, and Notts, which land was not worth 3*s.* 4*d.* per acre before, but is now worth from 10*s.* to 20*s.* per acre.

In June 1642, the petitioners had been in quiet possession for 10 years of 7,400 acres in the manor of Hepworth, when John Allen and 16 others named came into the level in a tumultuous manner, and broke down the fences, put in their cattle, destroyed 160 acres of corn and other crops, and continued rioting from day to day, until they had laid waste 4,000 acres of the drained lands, and pulled down several houses thereon.

Capt. Kingman, since dead, and several others pulled up a navigable sasse planted in Wyckersdyke, the replanting of which cost 1,500*l.* Thos. Peacock and others named, during the flowing of the spring tides, forced open Snow sewer, planted upon the Trent for venting the waters out of the level, and during the ebb shut down the inner doors, whereby the water could not get out, and pursued this course until they had drowned 8,000 acres of corn and rape, the corn stacks, and most of the houses.

Upon this expulsion from their habitations, the tenants complained

June 2. to the Committee of Lincoln, who gave order to open the sluice, and let out the water, but upon the order being brought, Peacock and others defended the doors with muskets, and refused to obey it

In 1647, petitioners filed a bill in the Exchequer against the inhabitants, whereupon several orders were made for establishing their possession, and order was given to the sheriff to assist them, whereupon Dan. Noddell, an attorney, with 400 persons, came upon the place armed with swords and muskets, to resist, and the orders thereby became fruitless.

The petitioners being thus kept out of possession, brought their bill on to a hearing, when Noddell, as solicitor for those inhabitants, got to his assistance Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne and Major Jno. Wyldman, and while the cause was hearing, the inhabitants began to riot on 3,400 acres, which was yet kept up. Upon complaint to the Court of Exchequer, a summons was sent, and a writ of assistance to the sheriff to quiet the possession until the hearing of the cause; but they threw down the fences in his presence, fetched away the tenants' cattle by force, and impounded them, refused to admit replevins, and forced the tenants to redeem them at what rate they pleased.

The tenants repaired several times to Mich. Monckton, a justice of peace, who refused to grant any warrants, or pursue any legal course, but gave encouragement to the rioters; and when some of them were indicted at the sessions, and found guilty, and it was moved by some other of the justices that they should be fined 4 or 5 marks apiece, he moved openly that they might be fined but 6*d.*, and it was carried at 1*s.* apiece.

Upon a full hearing in the Exchequer in Feb. 1651, a decree was made for establishing the possession of the petitioners, which was duly published upon the place, but the inhabitants (having obtained the influence of Lilburne, Wyldman, and Noddell) declared they would not give obedience thereto, nor to any orders of Exchequer or Parliament, some saying they could make as good a Parliament themselves, and others that it was a Parliament of clouts, and that if it sent any forces, they would raise forces to resist them; thereupon they proceeded to defacing the church, and within 10 days there was a total demolition of the whole town of Santoft and houses thereabouts, to the number of 82, besides barns, stables, outhouses, and windmills, and the destruction of all the corn and rape on the 3,400 acres, and the damage is estimated at 80,000*l.*

An agreement was then made with several men of Epworth that, in consideration of 2,000 acres of the land so laid waste being given to Lilburne and Wyldman, and 200 to Noddell, they should defend petitioners from all those riots, and maintain them in possession of the rest of the 7,400 acres before laid waste, and keep them dry, and deeds were signed accordingly. After that, Lilburne, Noddell, Jasper Margrave, and Geo. Stovin, of Crowle, with others, went on the Lord's day to Santoft Church, where the French congregation of Protestants were assembled, and ejected them, and said they should not come there unless they were stronger than they.

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They also went to Crowle Manor, and agreed with some there to assist them to get their commons again, as Epworth had done, and advised they should impound the tenants' cattle, and if they replevined, impound them again, break their fences, and eat up their crops, and so tire them out, until they attornied as tenants to them, which they accordingly did.

The tenants being thus terrified, and seeing that their condition was to be like their neighbours, took leases from Jasper Margrave and Geo. Stovin, who gave bonds to save them harmless, and so petitioners were ousted of their possession of both those manors.

At the making of these leases, Noddell openly declared that he would lay 20*s.* with any man that as soon as Lilburne came to London, there would be a new Parliament, of which Lilburne would be one, and that he would then call this Parliament to account; that as soon as they had finished getting the lands from the petitioners in Lincolnshire, they would go to Yorkshire (meaning to the rest of the level), and give the Attorney-General work enough to do; and that as they had now drawn their case, they would print and nail it up at the Parliament door, and if they would not do them justice, they would go up and make an outcry, and pull them out by the ears.

After the agreement for the 2,200 acres had been made, Lilburne, Wyldman, and Noddell had their proportions measured out, and agreed with several persons for the letting thereof. Then Lilburne went to the house of the minister, which was partly pulled down by the rioters, and put his servants into it to keep possession, and having forced away the minister and congregation, he employed the church as a stable, cowhouse, and slaughter-house, and to lay hay and straw in. Although Wyldman was present at the examination of several witnesses produced by the petitioners, who proved that he was present when Lilburne made the bargain—that they two in consideration of 2,000 acres to them, and 200 to Noddell, should defend the inhabitants from all riots, and at their charge maintain them in the possession of the remaining 5,200 acres, all but the charge of the trial that was to come on in the Michaelmas term following; and that he was present when the deeds were sealed to Lilburne and himself of the 2,000 acres,—he denied both with great imprecations; but upon a deed being shown him, he confessed it to be his hand and seal.

The inhabitants in their defence say that the land before the draining fed cattle for the butcher, but on being cross-examined, say it was overflowed with water in summer before the draining, and that in May, June, and July, and all the summer, they took fish there, and that they went there in boats swan hopping.

That Snow sewer was pulled up to defend the isle from the coming of Sir Ralph Hansby, then of the King's Parliament, and that the sasse was pulled up by command of a captain of Sir John Meldrum's.

Noddell, in defence of his coming with 400 men to oppose the sheriff, produced witnesses who deposed they heard one say that Mr. Gibbon invited him; but in his examination in the Exchequer, he said he came to apprehend Gibbon upon a warrant, and he also pro-

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duced witnesses who said he had been accounted to be well affected to Parliament, but no defence is made as to the charge of force and riot. [7 *sheets.*] *Annexing,*

11. I. *Examination of Daniel Noddell in relation to the above before the Barons of the Exchequer.*—20 *July* 1647. [13 *pages.*]

11. II. *Interrogatories for further examination of the above.* [8 *pages.*]

11. III. *Examination of Fras. Barker and others named on the same cause.*—29 *Feb.* 1652. [46 *pages.*]

June 3. **12.** Petition of Capt. Owen Cox, commander of the Phœnix, late the Bonadventure, to the Council of State, for an order to recompense the mariners who were instrumental in regaining possession of the frigate from the Dutch. When petitioner attempted the surprisal of the Phœnix, he was constrained to engage 82 mariners of the Bonadventure, Leopard, Sampson, and Peregrine, then riding in Leghorn Mould, and for their better encouragement in such a dangerous design, undertook to pay them 10*l.* each, if the undertaking prospered; and being now accomplished, though with much hazard and difficulty, the mariners persecute him for the performance of his promise, which he is himself unable to make good. [1 *page.*]

June 3. Whitehall. **13.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to order what satisfaction they think fit, or to report. [½ *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 195.]

June 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Sir William Dick referred to the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall, to state the facts and report.

2, 3. Those of Thos. Griffith, and of Frances White, widow, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to do as is usual.

4. That of Anne, widow of John Ridley, lost in the ship John, commanded by Capt. Dennis, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine whether she has had relief, several persons who had relations lost in that ship having been already relieved.

5. That of Gilbert Mabbot, gent., referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to receive from him such papers as he shall offer in behalf of the town of Leith, and report their opinions, together with the report they are to make on what has been offered by Mr. Thomson upon that business.

6. Mr. Moyer added to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

7. The petition of Edith Growth referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

8. The Whitehall Committee to give the same order for removing persons out of the Mews and Somerset House as was given for removing them out of Whitehall.

9. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of Portugal, to-morrow at 9 a.m., at Whitehall. Sir O. Fleming to give him notice thereof, and attend him.

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10. Major-Gens. Lambert and Harrison and Sir Gilbert Pickering to be a Committee to confer with a person about something he has to propound for the advantage of the commonwealth.

12. The Whitehall Committee to give notice to all the persons hereunder named to quit their lodgings in Whitehall between this and 1 July next.

13. The petition of the inhabitants of Milborne, co. Westmoreland, referred to Col. Briggs and Major Skaife, who are to examine the matters in difference, and upon a full hearing, to determine it if they can, or else to report.

14. To write the commanders of the ships at Hull to bring them to Yarmouth, and remain there till further orders.

15. To send to the commander of the Lily frigate to set sail on the first opportunity, and bring to Portsmouth the men he has aboard impressed for service.

16. The petition of Walter Markes, of Bristol, referred to the Ordnance Committee.

21. To write to Sir Wm. Rowe and Wm. Conyers to take notice of their care to prevent the felling of timber in Wallwood, and desire them to continue it, and to acquaint them with what Council has done therein.

22. To write and acquaint the Mayor of Plymouth with the information given in concerning the miscarriage of one of his serjeants towards the press-masters employed; to desire him to prevent the same in future, and to enjoin all the officers of the place to assist the press-masters.

23. Dr. Aaron Gurdon to report the business of Nathaniel Markes, formerly referred to him, and such papers as relate thereto to be brought in.

24. The Whitehall Committee to see that all goods belonging to the commonwealth, in the custody of any that were lately members of Parliament, and are ordered to quit their lodgings in Whitehall, be re-delivered according to the account wherewith they are charged respectively, and to cause the goods to be carefully kept.

25. The Lieutenant of the Tower, and any one of the justices residing near the Tower, to examine William Balthazar in relation to the robberies and piracies by him committed upon the people of the commonwealth, and also such others as shall be produced for proofs thereof, and to commit Balthazar to prison if they see cause.

27. To write the Army Committee to order the Treasurers-at-war to pay Mr. Laxton and Mr. Hopkinson 505*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* for medicaments, &c. for Ireland, out of the moneys designed for Ireland. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 192–198.]

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Council of State to Rich. Mill. There is a great want of seamen for the ships, to supply which we have appointed press-masters in most of the maritime counties. Hearing that there is a good number of men in cos. Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall, we employ you to procure them, authorising you to impress seamen, sayners, bargemen, and others employed in fishing, but not taking more than one or two out

of one boat, that the trade may not be disabled. You are to conduct the men to such places as the Admiralty Commissioners shall appoint. All constables are to give you the names of the men in their respective jurisdictions. The owners of boats and barges are also to give you, at such public place as you appoint, the names of all the men hired by them. If any of the men absent themselves from home to escape the press, they are to be committed to prison. You are to give account of your proceedings to us, the Admiralty Commissioners, Navy Commissioners, or Generals. All justices of peace, mayors, constables, &c. are to assist you in impressing and conducting the men. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 202–3.]

June 4. **14.** Petition of Simon de Caseres and Pedro Vander Wyer, merchant strangers, to the Council of State, for license to import pitch, tar, hemp, cordage, masts, and deal boards for the service of the State, without incurring any of the penalties under the Act of navigation. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Judges, who are to see their own orders in Caseres' case made good, or certify the state of the business; and note, 8 June, that they are to speak with the Admiralty Commissioners [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 211.]

[June 4.] **15.** Petition of Ellen Lovell, for herself and other necessitated persons, to Cromwell and the Council of State. Has been falsely informed against by persons who tried to get money from her to forbear prosecution, and has had her house and many papers taken by a messenger of the Council of State, so that she has had to sell her goods to maintain her children, and many poor widows, who had only those papers for the loss of their husbands to live on, are brought to death's door. Begs an order to Capt. Bishop, who has had them 12 months, to restore them, several orders from the late Council of State being fruitless. One person is in Newgate prison for want of them, and some of the papers concern a law suit which cannot proceed without them. [1 *page.*]

June 4. **16.** Order thereon that the petition be sent to Capt. Bishop, and that he state the fact to Council. [1 *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 218.] *Annexing,*

16. I. *Report by Capt. Geo. Bishop. In July* 1652, *I apprehended Capt. Lovell, his wife also seeming concerned, with* 11 *others, for counterfeiting debentures and public faith bills, and on their examinations* 30 *more were taken. Fugill, Quick, and Bayly confessed that they had been forging* 17 *months, and that* $\frac{4}{6}$ *of the bills put off at Worcester House on fee-farms were counterfeit, and sold at from* 6*d. to* 1*s.* 2*d. in the pound; that they were so expert in those forgeries that they could counterfeit a man's hand so that he would not know it himself; that scriveners, citizens, and brokers were of their number, and some of the Drury House clerks. After* 40 *days' labour, I found among the papers of these three men and Lovell bills almost all counterfeit, value* 115,045*l. By Council's order I drew a report thereof for Parliament, but nothing*

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was done, and the forgers are yet under bail and their papers seized, because Council can only secure and examine, not try them.

Some way should be thought on to discover how the State has been cheated in hundreds of thousands, for after this rate, not all the lands in England, Scotland, and Ireland will satisfy public faith bills and debentures.—10 *June* 1653. [2¼ *pages.*]

16. II. *Informations from examinations to prove the complicity of Ellen, wife of Capt. Chas. Lovell, in the forging of counterfeit bills.*—12 *July* 1652 *to* 23 *July* 1653. [2½ *pages.*]

16. III. *Examination of Capt. Chas. Lovell. Denies having any connexion with the bills, being mostly in the country surveying for the Drury House trustees. The papers found in his house are his wife's, and she has had to do with buying and selling bills and debentures.*—6 *August* 1652. *Endorsed with note of an order,* 12 *June* 1653, *that Council does not think fit to return Mrs. Lovell's papers.* [1 *page.*]

[June 4.] **17.** Petition of Thos. Gallilee, merchant of London, father of Thos. Gallilee, late captain of the Relief of London, lost in the service of the Duke of Venice against the Turks, to Cromwell and the Council of State. Sent the ship into the Straits, when on 23 June 1651, it was hired by the Duke of Venice against the Turks, and continued in the service 11⅔ months, at 1,925 ducats a month, total 4,177*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, and 1,600*l.* value of the ship. But the captain being commanded into the Boke of Constantinople, three leagues from the shore, met 26 Turkish galleys, and fought from break of day till afternoon, being 1½ hours after all his powder was spent. He was then forced to leap into the sea, but was taken by the Turks, carried prisoner to the Banyard in Constantinople, and there remains for want of a ransom. As the Venetian Ambassador is now applying for some favours, begs influence to free his son from that miserable bondage, and satisfaction for the ship. [1 *page.*]

[June 4.] **18.** Italian translation of the above, endorsed with note of an additional demand of 1,500*l.* for the captain's losses in the vessel. [1¼ *pages.*]

June 4. **19, 20.** Order thereon that the business be represented to the Venetian agent the next conference, insisting on full satisfaction of what is due for the service. [2 *copies. Also I.* 69, *p.* 221.]

June 4. **21.** Petition of Thos. Galilee, citizen and clothworker of London, to the Lord Ambassador leiger for Venice, to the like effect, making his claim for 29,516 ducats. Endorsed with notes of the case. [1 *page.*]

June 4. **22.** Petition of Wm. Swetnam and four other postmasters, on behalf of themselves and others ousted of their employment, to the Council of State, for restoration to their respective situations, and

for relief according to justice and equity. Have faithfully served the State for many years, to the hazard of their lives and estates, and gave large sums for their places; nevertheless they have all been turned out upon some alleged order of the Council of State, to the utter ruin of themselves and those depending upon them. [1 *page.*]

June 4. **23.** Reference thereon to the Committee for settling the Posts. [½ *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 223.]

June 4. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of the prisoners for debt in the Upper Bench to be laid aside until the Committee appointed for that business make their report.

2. That of Joane Treddles referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to learn from Mr. Coytmor whether anything has been done for her, and if not to report what should be done.

4. To answer to the petition of Monsieur Nemprière, [Lemprière ?] on behalf of the well affected of Jersey, that his desire is more proper for the cognizance of the supreme power, when they shall meet.

5. The petition of John Tucker, mariner, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to examine his condition and do for him as is usual.

6. To answer to the petition of Richard Arnold, merchant, that Council refuses all petitions to license the import of prohibited goods.

7. The petition of the prisoners in Ludgate referred to the Committee appointed to examine the abuses of the Upper Bench prison.

8. That of Sir David Hasteville referred to the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall, to examine the fact as to that part of it which relates to some order of Parliament which the petitioner alleges to have been granted him for the receiving of money at Haberdashers' Hall, and to report.

9. The petition of Reynold Clerke, constable of Tilney Lawrence in Marshland, Norfolk, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to receive the return mentioned, which was to have been made to the Committee for Plundered Ministers, and report.

11. To send to the Admiralty Judges to attend Council next Thursday at 10 a.m.

12. The petition of Richard Keyman and Randle Morgan referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

13. To answer to the petition of Christopher Vine that he is to bring in the state of the debt, and Council will consider it and give further orders.

14. The petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Street, co. Somerset,—that they may be put into a way of having proceedings against Edward Thorpe, their minister, on a charge of scandal which they exhibited before the late Committee for Plundered Ministers, and which they cannot further prosecute by reason of its dissolution—referred to the Committee for co. Somerset, to hear them and Mr. Thorpe, and to proceed according to law.

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15. The petition of Mercy Collins referred to the Commissioners for Customs, to relieve her if they can, or to state the matter of fact, and certify to Council.

16. The petition of Brian Harrison referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

17. Order on the petition of the Church of Christ at Wantage and Grove, co. Berks, that liberty be given to those congregations to meet respectively in the Town Hall of Wantage, and the village house in Grove, at such times as they think fit for the exercise of religion, when the said places are not made use of for keeping of courts or for other necessary services, unless cause be shown to the contrary by the parties concerned in those places, within 20 days of receiving this order. The people are to forbear exercising in the said houses till the 20 days shall have expired. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **24.** Endorsed "*Major Fras. Allen.*"]

19. Order on petition of Nathaniel Byfield, minster of Silverton, co. Devon, that he be continued in the place in which he was settled by the late Committee for Plundered Ministers, until further order, or till a Committee be appointed for that purpose; the justices of peace for those parts are required to assist in quieting him in the possession thereof.

21. The petition of Elizabeth, widow of John Day, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider of her condition and report.

23. Order, on petition of Wm. Blackmore and other creditors of the late King, and Sir Allen Apsley, that Urian Oakes, late treasurer and trustee for Wm. Blackmore and partners, deliver up to Blackmore and the rest of the parties concerned, all deeds, evidences, books of accounts, &c. in his custody, which belong to the parties, within 14 days, or show cause to the contrary; and that meantime he be required not to depart this commonwealth until he has delivered up all the said documents.

24. To order the Navy Commissioners to proceed to the reparation of Upnor Castle, so far as the timber by them mentioned to be in the yard at Chatham, and fit for that purpose, will go. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **25.**]

25. To answer to the petition of Thos. Westmerland that, as he has remedy at law, being admitted in *formâ pauperis*, Council think not fit further to interpose.

26, 52. The petitions of Michael Casteel, merchant, and of Rich. Bayle and Rich. Jennings, of Ipswich, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

27. The petition of George Smithson referred to the trustees at Drury House, to consider the complaint and proceed according to their trust.

28. That of the well affected in co. Herts to be sent to the Army Committee, and Capt. Deane to certify the matter of fact to Council.

29. That of Agnes Montgomery, widow, referred to the Committee of Obstructions, who are to give her relief if they find it proper, or to state the matter of fact, and report.

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30. The business of Portugal to be considered next Monday, and the members of Council in town to attend.

31. The petition of Roger Ellis, merchant, and others, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to confer with them, and report to Council what may be most for the advantage of the State.

34. To answer to the petition of John Coffy and Martin Brice that Council will not release their security.

35. The petition of Sir Thos. Urquhart referred to the Commissioners in Scotland appointed for managing delinquents' estates.

36. To send an order to the navy paymasters to pay Lieut. Mawdit what was ordered him for officiating as chaplain on the Lion.

37. Order on petition of Robert Sheppard, that a letter be written to the justices of peace of the place from which he was first set out as a soldier, to recommend his state, that due care may be taken of him; and he is to give in the names of the justices to whom he desires to have the letter of Council directed.

38. The Collectors for sale of Prize Goods and the Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prize Goods to be required to bring in within a month a perfect account of all such money as they have received upon sale of prizes, and how they have disbursed it.

39, 53. The petitions of John Taylor, of Long Compton, co. Warwick, and of Philip John Davies, *alias* Evans, referred to the Indemnity Committee.

40. That of Capt. John Grime to the Trustees at Drury House.

41. That of Henry Marten, of Plymouth, to the Excise Commissioners, to examine his allegations, consider of their equity, and report.

43. That of Jane Hide referred to the Trustees at Drury House or the Committee of Obstructions, to give relief if it may be legally done.

44, 48. Those of Elizabeth Leather, and of Mary Moore referred to the Navy Commissioners, to do as in like cases, and if they find cause, to certify what further allowance is fit to be made.

45. That of Joseph Beverley referred to the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall, to allow the salary due to him according to the account given in to Council, subscribed Ma. Mason.

46. That of Thos. Johnson referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider and act therein according to justice.

47. That of Eleanor Windall, *alias* Richardson, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to proceed according to law.

49, 50, 55. Those of Susannah Hubbert; of Katherine Evans; and of Martha Bee referred to the Commissioners at Trinity House, to examine and report.

51. That of Richard Selby referred to the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall, to take care that the money mentioned therein be paid into the public treasury.

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54. The petition of Hugh Camel referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

57. That of Zachary Browne referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **26.**]

58. That of Susan Hull referred to the Commissioners at Trinity House, to state whether the petitioner has not formerly been certified for to Council.

59. To answer to the petition of Samuel Chidley that Council conceives that he knows who owns the debenture named, and if he deliver it to any by consent of the parties, he may be free from trouble therein.

60. Order on petition of divers merchants of London trading with France,—stating that a ship of war belonging to this commonwealth having fallen upon several fisher vessels belonging to Honfleur, bound for Newfoundland, and taken 2, and forced 7 aground, the people of Honfleur seized on two ships laden with English goods, for procuring the release whereof petitioners were necessitated to become bound to the Governor of Honfleur for the discharge of the two fisher vessels; consideration being had also of the civility of the Governor towards the English merchants,—that the two fisher vessels belonging to Honfleur, taken by Capt. Vessey, commander of the Martin, and brought into Plymouth, be restored with all their belongings to their owners, and that an order be sent to the Commissioners for Prize Goods to that effect.

62. The petition of Robert Downing referred to the Admiralty Judges, to consider the Act of Parliament, and whether the ship may be restored, and on what terms, and to report. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 211–227.]

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Whitehall.

Council of State to Scoutmaster-Gen. Downing. As there is urgent occasion for gunpowder and round shot, we authorise you to repair to any place where there is any, and contract for it at reasonable prices, giving bills payable at sight. If any refuse to sell it, you are to seize it, breaking open any doors, locks, &c., and have it valued by an indifferent person. You have power to impress wagons, hoys, &c. for its carriage to where it is wanted. All mayors, sheriffs, &c. are to assist, and all persons having such goods are to give a ready compliance, the service requiring it. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 225–6.]

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Portsmouth Frigate, Leith.

27. Capt. Robt. Dornford to Generals Deane and Monk. I went from Portsmouth to Shotland with Capt. Smith of the Advice. The day I parted with him, I took a Hollander of 300 tons, loaded with French wines value 5,000*l.*, but not before she had received many dangerous shots, had her steersman slain, and others wounded. The wind prevented my boarding, and I sent her and the Fox fire-ship, which is leaky, to the Orkneys. On the 19th I received your orders to join Capt. Pestell of the Hamburg Merchant, but though discontent at being away from you, and having a foul ship, having been at sea 20 weeks, I hope to be soon able to clean my ship at Hull, and join you. [1 *page.*]

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June 4. Weymouth. **28.** John Ayrthur to the Admiralty Committee. The scouts have come in, and report that the French have 25 men-of-war between Scilly and Ushant, and have taken 20 of our small vessels coming from Ireland and Wales. Some frigates should be sent to secure our merchant ships. I want to know if the scouts are to be kept out, as they are a charge. With shorthand notes of reply that the State is not to be put to further charge in sending vessels out. [⅔ *page.*]

June 4. Hull. **29.** Col. Rt. Overton to Robt. Blackborne. I want orders as to the 300 barrels of powder and 1,000*l.* in money which Captains Morgan and Swyer have in their ships for the fleet, not thinking it safe for them to venture to sea without a stronger convoy, as I hear the Dutch have left Dover Roads, and are sailing northwards; but if ordered, I will send them with these two men-of-war. [⅔ *page.*]

June 4. The Cock, Spithead. **30.** Capt. Edm. Chapman to the Admiralty Committee. The Council of State ordered me first to stand over for Dieppe, and then to convoy provision ships to Portsmouth; but the ships had gone through the Downs with a fair wind two days before, and would not lose their wind. I wrote this to Council, and that I should stand over for Dieppe, and return in a few days to the Downs for orders; but hearing by the Drake that the ships were in Dover pier, I took them in charge, got them out on 24 May, and reached Portsmouth the 26th.

On 30 May I wrote the Council of State that I was here, and that the Commissioner here and the Mayor of the town wished me to wait orders, as the Dutch fleet was in the Channel, and might adventure this way. Yesterday a Dover ship came in, to give notice to all ships here that the Dutch fleet was seen last Wednesday off Dover, and the Commissioner here forbad me to stir without orders, which I wait for. [2 *pages.*]

June 4. 11 a.m., The Joshua, Lee Road. **31.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. Details of ships. I do not find half the men on board that are reported, and this prejudices the service. I send an account of stores wanted; let the surgeons be hastened down, and orders sent to Mr. Pett to send some boats, topmasts, yards, &c. from Chatham, there being few at Deptford. The fishermen off the North Foreland heard a constant peal of guns yesterday, and suppose it was the Dutch fleet off the coast of Flanders. I hope they are pursued to their holes. [1½ *pages.*]

June 4. 1 p.m., Chatham. **32.** Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Committee. I have sent away your letter to the Generals. All the intelligence I have yet had of the engagement of the fleet with the Dutch, besides hearing great guns upon the hills near Chatham, has been from the Deputy-Governor of Deal Castle. I have put on extra hands for hastening out the Reserve, Phœnix, and Elizabeth. I wish the victuals were hastened down, and the ordnance stores. There should be an ordnance officer here. I will ship some cordage for the fleet. Rich. Loane, gunner of the Eliza, desires Joseph Anderson may supply his place until he gets well. [1½ *pages. With shorthand notes of a reply.*]

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June 4. 10 p.m., The Recovery, Lee Road.

32. Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have shipped the 700 soldiers for the fleet, and have 120 seamen, mostly belonging to Capt. Badiley's squadron, whom I have had no small trouble to quiet, they are so enraged that they are sent away, having tickets given them to secure them for six days, but I have promised that, as soon as the exigency of affairs permits, they shall enjoy the liberty granted them. I have no intelligence, but think our fleet has pursued the Dutch home to the Weilings. I will order the ships ready to sail to the North Foreland, so as to join the fleet in Margate Road. I want 1,000 hammocks and a quantity of clothes for seamen, for want of which there are sad complaints. I am searching all ships that come for men to man the Recovery; she has only one-third of her men. [2 *pages.*]

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33. Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners send eight or ten experienced surgeons immediately to attend Dr. Whistler, who is sent to Harwich, or any other place where the sick and wounded belonging to the fleet are landed, and to obey his directions. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 5. The Resolution, off Ostend.

34. John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. In my last I told you of our one day's engagement with the Dutch fleet. It has pleased the Lord to appear wonderfully for us the second day, as will appear by the enclosed list of Dutch ships of war taken and sunk, and we are now in pursuit of him, although he is so far off as to be scarcely discerned. Two men fell by my side on the first day's engagement, and I was preserved. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June 5. The Resolution.

35. Thomas Pointer to the Navy Commissioners. The English fleet, consisting of about 120 sail, has arrived upon the coast of Holland, in good posture, and is within three leagues of the shore, expecting the coming out of Van Tromp. The Trumpeter sent to Holland by the Generals when the fleet was last here reports that the people are in great misery and earnestly wish for peace, and that there are great differences amongst themselves about the young Prince of Orange.

It was reported there about the last engagement that Van Tromp took six of our ships and fired them, and that our fleet took six of theirs, and did likewise. A man-of-war came in who had run from the engagement, and had had her captain, lieutenant, and several others killed, and the master fled. So you see how this people are deluded by untruths, which in the end will ruin them. I hope the Lord will continue to own us, and perfect the work he has begun.

P.S.—The Queen of Sweden is preparing all her strength to go against the King of Denmark, who will send an Ambassador to England to obtain a fair correspondence with the State. I hope there will be a time of recompensing his unjust and treacherous dealings. [1 *page.*]

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36. Petition of James Earl of Northampton to the Lord General and Council of State. In 1643 a party of his regiment of horse, near

Ilmington, in Warwickshire, commanded by his lieutenant-colonel, was opposed by a party of Gloucester horse, convoy to clothiers of that county, who worsted them, the packs being brought as prize to Banbury, of which garrison petitioner was Governor. Immediately had a command from Oxford not to restore the cloth, yet petitioner has been recently arrested by some of the clothiers, and forced to put in bail, their suits having been commenced before the time limited in the late Act of oblivion, and the proceedings have been protracted a long time. Begs that—as he was not there in person, neither was it taken by any command of his, nor from the parties as they were merely travelling, but as it was defended by a convoy under whose protection they had put themselves, and as he voluntarily came in and submitted to Parliament without any articles, the Council of State would think of some way for his preservation.

Noted.—"The Council cannot relieve him. 11 June 1653." [1 *page.*]

June 6. **37.** Gen. Oliver Cromwell to Praise God Barebone, Esq. As on the dissolution of the late Parliament, it became necessary that peace and good government should be provided for, I and my council of officers have nominated persons of fidelity to whom this great charge is to be committed; and having assurance of your love to God and interest in this people, I, as the Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the commonwealth, summon you, being one of the persons so nominated, to appear at the Council Chamber, Whitehall, on 4 July, and take upon you the said trust as member for the city of London. [*Original, signed.* $\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June. **38.** Blank copy of the above, being the form sent to the Members of Parliament, called to take upon them the trust of the government of this commonwealth. Dated Wednesday 8 June. [1 *page. Printed in Carlyle's Cromwell, edition of* 1871, *Vol. III., p.* 198.]

June. **39.** Another copy, endorsed by Sir Edw. Nicholas. [1 *page.*]

June 6. **40.** Petition of Geo. Hughes, commander of the Thomas Bonadventure, to Cromwell and the Council of State, for enlargement. In November 1651, his vessel was let to Hen. Chune and other merchants of London, and came to Porto Ferraro, where Capt. Badiley, by authority of the late Parliament, unloaded the goods, viz., galls and cotton wool, which still remain there, and fitted the ship for a man-of-war.

The freighters however have arrested Thos. Jennings and Gilbert Kent, two of the owners, for 15,000*l.* damage, for not performing the voyage, but released them on good bail, and on petitioner's coming to London to revictual for the service, they arrested him, and he is now a prisoner, being unable to procure bail, and this will prejudice the service, and ruin himself and family. With reference thereon to Capt. Badiley. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 230.]

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2. Order that John Garbrand sign the petition he has delivered, and give in security for the prosecution of the business.

3, 5, 16, 18. The petitions of the owners of the ship Peregrine; of Anne, widow of Capt. Robt. Batten; of Edm. Ball, late master gunner of the Wildman fireship; and of Nath. Meade, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners to examine. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., Nos.* **40***a*, **41.**]

4. The petition on behalf of the captives in Morrocco referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine the first part of the petition, and if they find it true, to send for Mr. Young and Mr. Hunt, the parties complained of, and report.

7. Order on petition of Geoffry Brown, now prisoner in the Gatehouse, that he be released for prosecution of his business depending before the Court of Articles sitting in Westminster, giving security to Mr. Thurloe to render himself prisoner to Council if, in the hearing of his case in that court, he be adjudged to have no benefit by the articles which he now pleads.

8. Col. Lockhart to come to Whitehall on Wednesday at 3 p.m., and bring with him 2 or 3 more deputies of Scotland, to receive answer to the desires lately presented to a Committee of Council appointed to hear what they had to offer.

9. The petition of Joshua Fowler, merchant, referred to Mr. Strickland and Mr. Carew, who are appointed a Committee for business of that nature.

10. That of Nath. Goodlad, Edw. Biggs, and other merchants of London, on behalf of several persons of this commonwealth, now prisoners in Sally and Algiers, referred to Mr. Carew and Mr. Strickland, to confer with the said merchants concerning the way by which the captives may be redeemed, and report to Council.

11. The petition of Mary wife of John Bleake, late boatswain of the Antelope, referred to the Navy Commissioners, who are to order the paying of what is due to petitioner's husband for service, in case his pay be stopped upon no other account than the general check given to the paying of the ship's company.

12. Order on the Major-General's information of a meeting to be held in county . . . , that he order his officers quartered in those parts to forbid such a meeting, and in case they shall meet notwithstanding, to secure the persons who assemble and their horses.

13. Order that land value 600*l.* a year be settled on the relict of General Deane and his issue. Major-General Lambert, Sir Gilbert Pickering, and Mr. Carew, to be a Committee to confer with the trustees at Drury House concerning the apportioning of such land, and to report with speed.

14. Order to pay 10*l.* to Edw. Osboldstone, for bringing the good news of the victory over the Dutch.

15. The letter from the Generals of the fleet, giving an account of the late engagement with the Dutch fleet, to be printed and published.

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17. The petition of Sir George Melville referred to the Commissioners in Scotland, to examine whether satisfaction has been made, and certify.

19. The petition of Mary, widow of George Greene, mariner of Wapping, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to allow her what is usual, unless she has been formerly allowed.

20. Order appointing Rich. Sherwin and John Leech treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, in place of Rich. Waring and Mich. Herring, but with proviso to pay no monies except on orders of Council, or of the Commissioners for inspecting the treasuries; salary 200*l.* a year each, including their clerks.

21. Order to Sherwin and Leech to take on them the said office, and to the county Commissioners and others concerned to pay in the monies to them, stating the salary at 250*l.* [*I.* 69, *pp.* 228-235.]

June 6.
Dover.

42. Thos. Greene to the [Navy Commissioners.] I have made a second survey of the anchors belonging to the East India Company at Sandwich, and enclose particulars. I will ship the rosin this week and want order to purchase some train oil. The engagement with the Dutch fleet commenced on Thursday the 2nd inst. at 9, a.m., and lasted all that day. On Friday there came a packet from Lord General Cromwell and the Admiralty Commissioners for the Generals, and the Mayor asked me to do my best to send it; so by the power of the late Act, I provided a shallop, laid hold of all seamen belonging to the fleet, and with some little obstruction sent them off, and the ship is now returned. We have sunk or burnt or taken 20 sail of the Dutch, and have two vice and two rear admirals in our fleet, the rest being put to flight. Our fleet, on Lord's day last, were off the Weilings, on the Holland coast. This is my last true intelligence. [3 *pages.*]

June 6.
Noon,
Dover Castle.

43. Thos. Wilson to Thos. Kelsey, Lieutenant of Dover Castle. Joseph Holland of this town, who carried packets to the fleet, has returned, and says that the lieutenant and three or four others of the Triumph told them that 20 of the Holland fleet have been taken, burnt, and sunk; he saw five of them burning. There were three flagships, one a vice-admiral and two rear-admirals, one of which also afterwards sunk. Only 126 men of our fleet have been slain, most being in the General's ship, and no officer of note but General Deane. The ships were but slightly damaged, some masts, sails, and bowsprits torn, but no ship lost. Our scouts were sent to discover the Dutch fleet, and upon its being reported to be between Ostend and Blackenburrow, the seamen shouted exceedingly that they were going to engage again, and our fleet stood towards them, but was constrained to anchor through a calm. Yesterday, Sunday, our fleet was resolved to go to the Texel. General Blake came to the fleet on Friday, and the merchant ships fought very stoutly.

Mrs. Johnson, of Dover, has had letters from her son to the same

effect, as also of the loss of our worthy old friend, General Deane, which is a great loss.

P.S.—I want a copy of the declaration of the army if it is out. [1 *page.*]

June 6. 5 p.m., Chatham.

44. Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Committee. Thanks for a copy of the intelligence of the first day's engagement. I will send from Chatham what provisions cannot be supplied at Deptford, as masts, boats, &c. I have issued warrants for procuring men. Details of ships. A little time has been granted to the men from the Straits' fleet. I wish you could witness the neglect of subordinate ministers; if there were more of righteousness and less of pretence, it would be more suitable to the life of a Christian. The master caulker and boatswain of the yard, in this time of public action, have been many days absent without leave.

I am heartily sorry to hear of the loss of that gallant General Deane. I am hourly expecting news of the second and third days' engagement. The victuals have not yet arrived for these frigates, nor any one ordnance officer to take care of the carriages. The Warwick will be launched to-morrow. [2 *pages.*]

June 6. 8 p.m., The Cock, Downs.

45. Capt. Edm. Chapman to the Admiralty Committee. On order from Commissioner Willoughby of the 4th to sail to Dover Road or the Downs to inquire where our fleet is, we sailed to Fairleigh, and there met two Ostend ships bound for Bilboa, who report that last Friday they saw our fleet chase the Dutch fleet without the banks of Flanders, and that the Dutch steered for the Weilings in Zealand. The ship master told us with seeming rejoicing that he believed our fleet had beaten the Dutch fleet into the Weilings. I will sail with the Briar to discover the fleet. [1 *page.*]

June 6. The Resolution, between Goree and the Maese, 2 leagues from shore.

46. Generals Robt. Blake and Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Commissioners. Since our last, giving an account of God's goodness in appearing for us, the enemy has gone into the Weilings, and as the water is so showle, we durst not adventure after them. We are between the Goree and the Maese, refitting, and disposing of the wounded, the lame ships, and the prizes, and sending the prisoners to such port towns as are thought most convenient. This night we intend to sail to the Flie and the Texel with the whole fleet, and ply about there as long as our victuals last. We have not above 16 rounds of powder and shot to each gun, and will want at least 700 barrels of powder, with shot. Send us out powder and shot in proportion in one of your nimblest frigates; also some topmasts, fishes, hammocks, and wood and candles. Let the Yarmouth ships go to the Swinn, whence we can send for them. The ships appointed westward to guard the coast and protect trade should be increased to 10, Capt. Martin to command them on the Bristol frigate, now at Portsmouth. As soon as the lame ships sent in are refitted, let them be sent to us again. [2 *pages.*]

June 6. Leghorn.

47. Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee, Westminster. I have received your order to procure the enlargement of Capt.

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Marsh, or any other of the captive captains, upon their parole, and that as many Dutch of the like quality should be released for them in England. All the Dutch men-of-war, making 18 with the Leopard, departed hence towards the west 14 days since, and are gone to the Straits' mouth, to intercept our ships there. Before their departure, on the earnest entreaty of our captains, I and two other English merchants entered into a joint bond of 3,000*l.* that upon the captains' coming on shore, they should go to Holland, and render themselves prisoners there, by the end of two months. By this you may see how likely it had been that any of these captains had come off on their parole. When they come to Holland you will have a better understanding, and get them sooner off than here at such a distance.

In my last, I sent you an exact account of the ships freighted or taken up for the service, with a particular of imprest money paid each ship, and other charges on that affair; the balance due I drew upon your treasurer at 6*s.* 3*d.* per dollar, which is 2,478*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*, and beseech you to order acceptance and payment.

We have not heard of the fleet of Dutch since they went hence; the eight sail under young Tromp, that went hence for the Levant 40 days since, are now turning into port again. I enclose a list of what moneys I have disbursed to the officers of the Leopard since her loss, towards bearing their charges home. I cannot omit to mention the good husbandry of that ship's boatswain, who had hoarded up so much cordage that, notwithstanding all her rigging was cut and torn in the fight, yet the Dutch found sufficient to new rig her, with a large advance besides; and the like providence was made by the ship's gunner, carpenter, and other officers, which your wisdom in the future may prevent. The Venice ships were met 20 days since off Cape Spartavento. With copy of his letter of 30th April. [3 *pages.*]

June 7. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1, 6. The petitions of Mercy Collins; and of Nath. Tyderligh of Barnstaple, co. Devon, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

2. The prosecutors of Mercy Collins, for bringing in English Bibles printed in foreign parts, to forbear till further orders, Council having that business before them.

3. The petition of John Tooker, agent for the Mayor and Aldermen of Barnstaple, referred to the Excise Commissioners, who are to examine and certify to Council, and meanwhile to stay further proceedings.

4. To answer to Mr. Parker's petition that Council cannot at present give any direction therein.

5. The petition from divers distressed prisoners in the city of London referred to the Committee for prisoners, to report.

7. The petition of John England, mariner, referred to the Commissioners for Trinity House, to examine and report to Council, and also whether provision has not formerly been made for his relief.

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8. Order on the petition of James Waynwright, that the Prize Goods' Commissioners certify what money he owes to the State upon goods bought of them, and how the money desired by him may be defalcated, and a regular account made thereof.

9. To desire the Commissioners of Sewers for Ware river to permit John Freeman to build a wear at Susan, and to allow him to erect new powder mills, so far as it may be done without particular prejudice to any persons.

10. To inform John and Henry Wroth of the want of powder, the powder mills being unable to work for want of water. Therefore to desire that their lock be so kept as that no more may be drawn than is necessary for their own occasions.

11. To answer to the petitions of Edward Spann and of William Bennet, Mayor of Chester, that Council does not think fit to meddle, but leaves them to take their course at law.

13. Order, on complaint by the Commissioners of the Queen of Sweden of very great delays in the settlement of the cases about ships and goods claimed by subjects of Sweden, that the Admiralty Judges certify the reason of the delays, and proceed with all speed.

14. The Prize Goods' Commissioners to open the five bales claimed by the Commissary of the Queen of Sweden in presence of persons appointed by him, and take a particular of all therein contained, and send it avowed by the Commissary to Council, that they may do what is reasonable therein. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 236–240.]

June 7.
Landguard Fort.

48. Ben. Gifford to Lord-Gen. Cromwell. The Scoutmaster-General of the army has arrived, with an order from you for the delivery of all the powder in this garrison except 7 barrels and shot proportionable, and the like for Harwich. But as he was hastening to Yarmouth and Norwich, he left it to me to hire a vessel and send what could be spared from here, Harwich, Colchester, Wivenhoe, and Ipswich. The wind has been against us, but we have got it on board, and hope it will reach the North Foreland to-night. I cannot yet send in the bills, as the Ipswich men ask more time. [1 *page.*]

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49. Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners make out a bill to Rich. Nutt, master of the barges, for 12*l.*, for labour of himself and other watermen in carrying Gen. Blake in a 10 oar barge two journeys to Gravesend and Lee Road, last May. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 7.
The Violet, on the Coast of Holland.

50. Capt. Joseph Whiting to the Navy Commissioners. We got sight of the Flemish fleet, and with a full resolution we offered them battle on Thursday the 2nd inst., at 10 a.m., and continued fighting until 9 p.m. The next day we fell on again until the evening, when there were 20 of their ships taken and destroyed, and the rest making from us with what sail they possibly could, and next day harboured at the Weilings. We have not sustained much loss, as not above 120 men have been slain in the whole

fleet. We only had one slain and another mortally wounded. I send two muster books. [1 *page.*]

June 7. The Sophia. **51.** Capt. Rowland Bevan to the Navy Commissioners. We came up with the Holland fleet on the 2nd inst. at 9 a.m., then having the wind of them; but by reason of their close order and politic working, they gained the wind, which however we regained, closed with their rear, and continued the fight until 9 p.m. We began the next morning about 11, during which time they made a running fight; the loss on their part is at least 20 sail, but on ours not one. On our ship there is not a man hurt, although we were deeply engaged. The loss however in our fleet is 150, amongst which is my brother Isaac Bevan on board the Sussex. I have sent the ticket for his wages to my wife, and beg it may be paid. Also 1*l.* 9*s.* for ballast, press money, &c. at Newcastle. [¾ *page.*]

June 7. The Resolution, Goree. **52.** John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. We have been in pursuit of the Dutch since the last engagement, but they got into the Weilings. The Dutch prizes are coming into the Thames, with 12 lame and disabled ships mentioned, who take in the prisoners, to be sent some to Chatham, the rest to London. We are refitting our ships and setting sail for the Flie and Texel. I hope our hearts are thankful for what has been done, and that we may not only be found in the number of those that stand up for Christ and his people, but may have an interest in him, which is better than life itself, and will be a joy unto us whenever he shall call us home.

P.S.—We want five reams of writing paper, and wonder the 1,000*l.* has not come. [1 *page.*]

June 7. The Resolution. **53.** Gens. Monk and Blake to the bailiffs of Ipswich. We are sending to your town in the 10th Whelp several of the men wounded in the late engagement, for whom Parliament provided by their resolves of Dec. last, and we desire your special care that they be duly dressed and provided with all necessaries, and your disbursements shall be repaid. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

June 8. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The lodgings in Whitehall, formerly in possession of Sir William Masham, to be delivered up to a Committee appointed for the treasuries; the Whitehall Committee to take care of this.

2. The Customs' Commissioners to reserve the salary due to Col. [Geo.] Thomson on his proportion of 4*d.* in the pound, in order to be paid out according to orders from Council.

3. The Commissioners of Excise to reserve what is due to Alderman Foot and Maurice Thomson.

4. The Commissioners appointed to treat with foreign ministers to meet the Resident from the Great Duke of Tuscany to-morrow at 3 p.m. at Whitehall; Fleming to give him notice and conduct him.

5. Council to sit only in the mornings from 7 to 12, or after, as they see cause; the Committees of Council to sit in the afternoons.

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6. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to meet to-morrow afternoon.

7. The Commissioners appointed to treat with foreign ministers to hear the agent from Venice on Friday at Whitehall at 3 p.m., and Fleming to give him notice.

8. Col. Owen Rowe appointed check of the outports in the office of the Custom House, in place of James Russell, lately discharged by Council; all books of entries, papers, and writings in Mr. Russell's custody, or in that of his clerks, to be delivered to him.

9. So much of the letter from Lord Broghill to the Lord General as relates to the bringing over of some Irish children to England referred to the Lord General. Major-Gen. Lambert, Col. Jones, Commissary-Gen. Reynolds, Col. Clarke, and Mr. Scobell, appointed a Committee to consider this business, and report.

10. The petition of Francis Anguish referred to Lieut.-Col. Worsley, Maj. Wigan, and Maj. Packer, appointed a Committee to examine this business, and report.

11. The petition of some soldiers' widows for relief from Ely House referred to the Governor of Ely House.

12. To write the Commissioners for the county of Westmoreland to acquaint them with the substance of the petition presented on behalf of the inhabitants of Milborne, and to desire them to pay the money or show cause to the contrary.

13. The petition of Penelope Thompson, widow, referred to the Navy Committee, to examine the allegations, and if they find the case as suggested, to do for her as is usual, and to certify if they find cause to relieve her further.

14. To order the Commissioners for Prize Goods, Maj. Wigan, and Mr. Meynell, goldsmith of London, to bring to Council at 6 p.m. the key each has in his custody of the room wherein the silver lately taken out of the Samson, Salvadore, and George is now lodged in the Tower.

16. The petition of several officers and soldiers late in the service referred to the Committee of officers appointed for the affairs of the army.

17. The petition of Robert Murden, gunsmith, to be laid aside till Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood's pleasure be known.

18. The petition of Henry St. John, Capt. Nath. Goodlad, &c., referred to Dr. Walker and the others appointed to take the accounts of the merchants that demand reparation of the Portugal Ambassador, and report.

19. The petition of Wm. Keble, mariner, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to report.

20. That of the mariners' widows referred to the Commissioners of Trinity House, to certify.

21. That of Katherine Dyall referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **54.**]

22. The petition and certificates of Eliz. Williams referred to the Navy Commissioners, to do as in like cases.

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23. The Whitehall Committee to consider where fit lodgings may be had for Col. Bennet, Col. Jones, and Mr. Moyer, and additional lodgings for Mr. Thurloe, and report.

25. Five counties of Ireland to be set out for giving satisfaction to such of the soldiers as shall be first disbanded, and an instruction given to the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland to set out the same accordingly.

26. Order on petition of George Hughes, mariner, that Henry Chune, John Frederick, Francis Fowke, Thos. Rowe, and Nath. Goodlad, appear before Council at 9 a.m. next Friday, and show cause for imprisoning him. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 241–247.]

June 8. Whitehall. **55.** Capt. Rich. Badiley to the Council of State. On Geo. Hughes' petition I certify that, upon the news that the Dutch had defeated us near the Downs last November, Longland and others of us at Leghorn, being much concerned for the honour of the nation, by commissions from the Council of State, impressed English ships, and as they were not to be had empty, sent their commanders to Porto Ferraro to unlade, and fit as men-of-war, so that when we got men, if not ships, from England, we might break through the enemy with reputation.

A warrant was sent to Hughes, and he at first refused compliance because of his goods, but it was read at the mainmast by a public notary, who was to witness his refusal, and then he complied and unloaded his goods.

Had we prospered in our dispute near Leghorn, the merchant ships would have taken up their goods again, but I know the goods were left in safe hands, consigned on behalf of the merchants. [1 *page.*]

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1–4. The lodgings, &c., belonging to Sir James Harrington in Whitehall appointed for Col. Bennet; those belonging to Alderman Allein for Col. Philip Jones; the part of those belonging to Sir Wm. Masham not disposed of to the Committee for the Treasuries appointed for Mr. Moyer; and those belonging to Alderman Pennington to be added to Mr. Thurloe's lodgings. The Whitehall Committee to put them all in possession.

5. The petition of Jane Appleton, Isabella Seaman, and Helena March referred to the Generals of the fleet, to procure exchanges for them.

6. That of Margaret Cadney referred to the Commissioners at Trinity House, to examine and certify.

7. The Committee for the Posts to consider the business of the Prize Office, as well in reference to the placing of officers as the prescribing of wages and rules for future proceedings in the office, and how it may be managed to the advantage of the public, and report. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **56.**]

8. Col. Rich and Col. Bennet added to the Committee for the Treasuries.

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9. The report this day brought in from the Posts' Committee recommitted to them, to consider how an experiment may be made of the value of the office, and of the advantage which may arise from thence to the State, and to report, provided the time for their trial do not exceed six months. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* 57.]

10. Major-Gens. Lambert and Harrison and Col. Tomlinson, to be a Committee to consider the proceedings in the Admiralty Court concerning the Samson, Salvadore, and George, and their lading, and to confer with fit persons, and offer what they think fit to be done.

11. The Whitehall Committee to assign some fit place for erecting of a sphere for the use of Council.

12. The papers now read, concerning the setting forth land in Ireland for satisfaction of the soldiers first to be disbanded there, recommitted to the former Committee, who are to send for and speak with fit persons, fill up the blanks in those papers, and report.

13. Alderman Allein and Mr. Scobell to come to a Committee of Council at 8 a.m. to-morrow, in the little Horse chamber in Whitehall.

14. The judges for probate of wills and granting administrations to consider what fees are fit to be allowed to the registrars and clerks, and others employed under them, and to report; and also in what manner the money arising out of that office to the use of the State may be paid with most certainty.

15. Viscount Lisle to pay to Mr. Worsley, out of the money imprested for his journey, 50*l.*, as Worsley was sent for out of Ireland to attend him.

17. Order on petition of John Canne—for license to choose such persons as he shall think fit to print a Bible with annotations, being his own work, and that no man, unless appointed by him, may print his said notes, either already printed or to be printed,—granting it for seven years.

18. The information brought in against Thos. Tickner, of London, consumptioner of tobacco, to be sent to the Indemnity Commissioners, recommending them to take some speedy course therein.

22. The petition of Hugh Camell referred to the Lieutenant of the Tower and Justice Waterhouse, or any other justices adjacent to Blackwall, who are to send for Joane Higgins, and examine her and others as to the matter thereof; also if they find cause, to send for Hugh Camell from shipboard; and if cause be found for prosecuting Joane Higgins, they are to put her in the way of prosecution, and release Camell if they think fit, or certify. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 249–253.]

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The Swan, Harwich.

58. Capt. Thos. Wilkes to Major Bourne. According to order, I left the Generals in company with the 10th Whelp, on Thursday night, on the coast of Holland, before the Brill, sailing northward. There are 10 or 12 ships coming from the fleet, and as many prizes with them, men-of-war taken in the last engagement. I hope they will be on our coast to-night. The Whelp and Swan have 100 wounded men, who will be put on shore here, and we shall then take in men and ply between here and Newcastle. Your brothers,

Capt. Bourne and the captain of the Reformation, are well. 1,300 Dutch prisoners and 260 wounded were sent home. Pray move for my appointment to the Constant Warwick. [⅔ *page. Endorsed with rough notes in shorthand of letters to B[lackborne], C[arew], and the Generals.*]

June 9. **59.** Capt. Thos. Wilkes to the Admiralty Committee. To the same effect as the former part of the preceding. [½ *page.*]

June 9. Dalkeith. **60.** Col. R. Lilburne to Capt. Fras. Allen of the Revenge. I enclose orders, and desire you to receive what is therein mentioned, which, with what is to come from Dundee, will make 420 barrels of powder and 3,010 round shot, which you are to put on board the Recovery, and then hasten for Berwick, take in what the Governor can spare as ordered by his Excellency, and then sail to the fleet about Yarmouth Road, and deliver it to such as the Generals shall appoint, giving a receipt for all you shall receive. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

June 9. The Foresight, off Orfordness. **61.** Capt. Rich. Stayner to the Admiralty Committee. I received orders last Tuesday from the Generals to come into the river, with 12 sail of our fleet disabled in the last engagement, and 11 prizes with 1,350 Dutch prisoners; also I have the corpse of Gen. Deane, and am ordered to Woolwich. As our ship and four sail appointed for Chatham are very full of prisoners; I entreat some speedy course for their delivery. We are likely to have a long passage. [¾ *page.*]

June 9. The Resolution, off the Texel. **62.** Gens. Blake and Monk to the Admiralty Committee. We have granted a commission to Lieut. Edw. Morecock of the Resolution, who has been valiant in this and other engagements, to be commander of the Elias of Amsterdam, a Dutch prize; we desire she may be one of the first fitted out, as she is a good sailer. [¾ *page.*]

June 9. The Resolution, between the Flie and the Texel. **63.** Generals Blake and Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We will endeavour to hinder any men-of-war coming out from hence to make a conjunction with the Dutch fleet at the Weilings, and hinder their fishing and trade as much as we can. We desire the ships sent to England with the Dutch prizes to be refitted and victualled, and sent out as soon as possible, with as much victuals and water as they can stow, and any other ships with victuals and water, which we will dispose of as fast as we can, and send the ships back for recruits, to save the charge of more ships. Let two or three frigates be hastened out with powder and shot, which is our greatest want. We have sent orders to all the ships in Yarmouth Roads to repair to us, and desire to know what victuals lie ready at Hull, Yarmouth, and Harwich, and let all ships of war now go into the Swinn. It is supposed that as soon as the enemy is in a capacity to show his head, he will endeavour an attempt upon our coast. Take care that he be prevented; but if he comes again, and shoots into Dover pier, be not much startled at it, though nothing will be wanting on our part to hinder him. We desire all diligence may be used in sending seamen. We have sent in the Diamond to be refitted. [2 *pages.*]

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64, 65. John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. We are plying between the Texel and Flie, to hinder all ships coming out from thence to join the Dutch fleet at the Weilings, as well as to stop their fishing and trade, and we hope it will bring down their lofty spirit to yield to a peace. The time of Antichrist's glory is now expired. [1 *page.*]

P.S.—The Generals have appointed Capt. Martin to be Commander-in-Chief westward, but the commission is sent with a blank. [*Scrap.*]

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66. Petition of Hen. Chune and four other freighters of the Thomas Bonadventure to the Council of State. Being ordered to show cause for Geo. Hughes' imprisonment, declare that in Oct. 1651, they freighted the ship at 180*l.* a month for Scanderoon and Cyprus, but the master delayed starting, and then started for Leghorn, put their goods, value 5,000*l.* in England, on shore at Porto Ferraro, where they are not vendible, and there tried to pawn them for the charge of freight, though none is due till the goods are delivered in the Thames, whereby petitioners are put to ruinous and excessive charge in lading, customs, freightage, and insurance, &c. Beg to be allowed the justice of the law, as the master and owners still detain their goods in Italy. [1 *page.*]

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67. Reference thereon and of the petition of Geo. Hughes, and Capt. Badiley's certificate thereon, to the Committee for Indemnity. [¾ *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 259.]

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1. The Whitehall Committee to see what right Sir Henry Midmay has to the lodging formerly belonging to the Jewel House, and represent the same to Council.

2, 3. The lodgings of Sir Wm. Allenson to be appointed to Mr. Strickland, in lieu of those he now has in Whitehall. The Committee to put this order in execution, and also to appoint him one of the stables and coach-houses in Whitehall.

4, 5. Capt. Bishop to be continued in his lodgings in Whitehall till further order, and the Committee to take notice hereof; also to take care that some convenient lodging be assigned to Mr. Frost.

6. Col. Stapley, Col. Jones, and Mr. Moyer, to be a Committee to examine the deputations of Mr. Corbert and Mr. Latham to the place of steward of Westminster, and to hear them both and report.

7. The whole account of Capt. Badiley's transactions beyond seas, in several papers, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

8. The petition of Skynner Ryder, with the case therein contained, referred to the Committee for Obstructions.

9. A copy of his petition to be sent to the trustees for sale of the late King's lands, to see that the counsel of the commonwealth be sent to, to take care of that business, the hearing thereof being referred to the Committee for Obstructions.

10. Skynner Ryder enjoined to forbear felling or carrying away timber in Wallwood, or causing the same to be done, till his claim be determined according to law.

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11. The Navy Commissioners to give order that such timber as is now felled in Wallwood by Mr. Ryder, fit for the navy, be valued by fit persons, and carried away to such places as they shall appoint, for the use of the navy. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **68.**]

13. The petition of Hans Sagher, master of the Golden Hart of Lubec, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to speedily despatch the case according to law.

16. Thomas Violet, and other persons hereafter to be named, to be assistant in making discoveries in relation to the ships Samson, Salvadore, and George, and their lading, whether silver or any other merchandise, and of any abuses in the managing of the business, and to acquaint Council from time to time of the state of the business.

17. The power given to Sir William Roberts, by order of March 25 from the Committee for Plundered Ministers, to provide a godly minister for the church of Kingsbury, co. Middlesex, for 3 months, and to pay him for that time, to be continued to him for 6 months longer.

18. Order on petition of Nathaniel Markes, merchant of London, that the Attorney-General proceed in the business wherewith he is charged, according to law. All papers relating to the matter with Council or any Committee to be transmitted to the Attorney.

19. Order on petition of Martha wife of Thos. Hendra, that the Committee appointed to meet the secretary of Venice acquaint him with the case, and urge him that justice may be done the petitioner by that commonwealth.

20. The letters from Lambert Cornelius and George Skutt, junr., dated 7 and 6 June, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **69.**]

21. The petition of Capt. Limbrey and Capt. Cranley referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine the business, hear both parties, and report.

22. The petition of the Guinea Company referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to state the matter of fact as to the seizures therein mentioned, and report. Likewise to consider and report on their desire for liberty to import old sheets from Flanders.

23. The petition of Richard Bedwell referred to the Committee for Prisoners.

24. Order on petition of Humphrey Beane, merchant, and the rest of the owners and freighters of the Peace of London,—setting forth that being bound upon a trading voyage to Greenland, they met a small vessel of Rotterdam, bound to Rochelle, which they took as belonging to the enemies, and brought into Newcastle,—that two-thirds of the ship and her belongings and lading be allowed to the petitioners, on consideration of their pains and hazard in takng it, and the remaining third be disposed for the use of the commonwealth; the Admiralty Judges, Commissioners for Prize Goods, and all others concerned, to take notice and observe this order. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **70.**]

25. The Commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall to order the allowance of 3*l.* per week to be paid for the subsistence of the Earl of

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Worcester, prisoner in the Tower, weekly or otherwise, as the Earl shall desire. [*See also G.* 133, *p.* 303, *and G.* 25, *p.* 141.]

26. The letter of Col. Sydenham, dated the 8th, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **71.**]

29. To write the Earl of Carlisle in behalf of Mr. Freeman, to the same purpose as was written to the Commissioners for Sewers.

30. The Ordnance officers to treat with John and Henry Wroth, of Enfield, for the use of certain mills in their possession on the river Lea, called the Lock, for making powder.

31, 34. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Ambassador from Portugal to-morrow at 4 p.m., and acquaint him that one of the State's frigates is to be prepared to transport him to his own country, when he is ready to depart. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 256–65.]

June 10.
The Resolution, between the Texel and Flie.

72. Generals Blake and Monk to the Admiralty Committee. We desire the ships in the Thames that have been victualled and manned may be hastened to us, as also such victuals and water as can be suddenly provided, in some colliers, together with some powder and shot in some of the best sailing ships, our want thereof being very great. There are many ships in the fleet that will not be fit to keep at sea by the time they arrive, and their complaints are such (and not without cause) that were it not for disabling the fleet, we should send many of them into port. [1 *page.*]

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6 p.m.,
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73. Generals Blake and Monk to [the Admiralty Committee]. We received yours of the sailing of several victualling and water ships for the Swinn with the Reserve, and they will be very welcome when they come, as also the ketch with boatswains' and carpenters' stores, of which we shall need more, many anchors and cables being lost in this wild road.

We will use all despatch to unlade those ships, and send them back for recruits. As you desire, we will in future direct all ships you send in not to proceed further than the Lee Road; if those lately sent in all came into the river, it was contrary to order, for we sent four for Chatham and the rest to Deptford and Woolwich. The want of wood, candles, and provisions for sick men is great, and there are daily complaints of the badness of the beer, bread, butter, and cheese; this is augmented by the loss of the David hoy, laden with those commodities, which was separated from us in a storm, and we know not where she is. We enclose an account of a quantity of powder lately arrived, but we much want round shot and other necessaries. Many of our men fall sick daily, chiefly officers and our best seamen; though their number is made up by soldiers, we want seamen, if they can be had.

On the 19th some of our frigates plying before the Flie engaged with 11 Dutch ships from the West Indies, and after fighting for some time, captured four, sunk one, and burnt another, but Capt. Vesey, commander of the Martin, was slain; as he has left a poor widow with a great charge of children, we leave their condition to your consideration.

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On the 22nd some 30 sail more, small ships, were met, and 11 taken, two of which are laden with new guns carrying a bullet from 24 lbs. to 12 lbs., from Sweden, which it is hoped will be seasonable for us, and the others are richly laden. When they come into the fleet, we will send in them and the sick and wounded; when they arrive in the Lee Road, pray give speedy directions about them. We intend to make a trip over with the whole fleet to the English shore, to see them out of danger, and then return, leaving some of the best frigates between the Dogger Bank and the Riff, to intercept the trading ships expected home. Pray send us all the clean ships you can. Thanks for your care in making continual supplies; let the ships tallowing at Harwich be hastened out by Major Bourne.

P.S.—We have yours of the 22nd. Send us some hammocks, and four surgeons, several of the ships' surgeons being sick, and one or two dead. [4 *pages.*]

June 10. The Resolution, off the Texel.

74. John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. I send you a list of 11 ships ordered to Harwich to wash and tallow, and then to return to the fleet. Next Thursday is appointed to be a general day of thanksgiving throughout the whole fleet, for the goodness of God towards us in the last engagement with the Dutch. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June 10. Plymouth.

75. Rich. Mill to the Admiralty Committee. Capt. Harle of the Success privateer had 89 pressed men shipped on board, and delivered but 60, having conveyed the rest away for money. The captains and company of the Mary Rose and the William and Thomas have been very careless in not obeying orders to sail. But for the pressed men, they would not have had men to carry their ships, most of their men being ashore, and when I required them to go aboard, they were very refractory. I offered to beat the drums and send a guard of musketeers to get the men on board. I sent one who began the mutiny to Exeter gaol; he was a lieutenant in the late King's army, and the cause of 11 more running away when they were going on shipboard.

The Augustine prize is a very gallant ship, and carries 27 guns. She had but 32 men when she came in, and 7 when ordered to sail, but I put on 21 pressed men.

I am going for Dartmouth, and thence to the coasts of Devon and Dorset to procure seamen. Let some ship be appointed to receive them from me. The charges made against the Mayor of Plymouth, that he advised the men not to go on shipboard, are true, and can be made good by the constables, whom he forbad to warn them. Let my letters be left at the post house at Exeter. [1 *page.*]

June 10. Portsmouth.

76. Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the [Admiralty Commissioners]. I sent up eight wounded men yesterday, to be placed in some hospital, and desire you will give order about them. Mr. Child has come down from you as ill furnished with orders for money as he went up, the same scruples remaining, and he is unwilling to pay any ticket here, though the men live here, or are disposed of to be here, notwithstanding our pressing straits for men. Pray let the Treasurer send some punctual order. If Child were allowed a halfpenny

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in the pound, it is nothing but reason, as he takes much pains. I want a list of Capt. Strong and Gen. Blake's fleets. [1 *page.*]

June 10. Gravesend. **77.** John Morris to the Navy Commissioners. Several masters of the victualling ships before the town have been to say their 14 days have expired, and to know if any convoy is appointed. John Gribbell, commander of the James, came to me, by order of Major Bourne, for men, having only 50. I sent him all I could. Pray order Col. Berkstead to send down a supply. The captain is a good seaman, but not zealous to fight.

I have relieved several seamen and the boatswain's mate of the Nicodemus, who lay ill 14 days, and died on Saturday. I am out 12*s*. 6*d*. for his burial, and the house where he lay claims 40*s*. for a nurse and provisions, besides two doctors, but deserves little, being some cause of his death, as is adjudged by the woman. As he has a pretty sum due, shall I pay the woman her charges as she is poor? Send me a list of the slain and wounded in the fight, as many women here whose husbands I put on board so lament that I can hardly endure their complaints. I have been forced to provide victuals for two or three boatloads of seamen from the Tower, who were kept without victuals for 24 hours. Pray send me orders in such cases. [1 *page.*]

June 11. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The audience with the Portuguese Ambassador deferred till Tuesday.

2. The petition of Anne Farden, widow, referred to those who manage the chest of Chatham.

3. That of John Bretland, of Thorncliff, co. Chester, gent., referred to the Revenue Committee, to certify why he was first imprisoned, and why he is now detained.

4. Order upon petition of the company of the ship Elizabeth, that Capt. Stanton attend in six days after notice, and show why he has not paid his mariners what is due to them on contract.

5. The business concerning Hamburg now debated referred to the Foreign Affairs' Committee, who are to consider how the many frauds and abuses which have been put upon the commonwealth by the Hamburghers, by their owning and colouring the ships and goods of the Dutch, may be prevented, and to confer with such persons as they think fit, and report.

6. To write to the commander of the Cock to convoy two victual ships now in the Downs to the fleet, sailing as near the English coast as safety allows as far as Yarmouth, as the enemy are in the Weilings.

7. To write to the commander of the Bryer frigate, and the other vessels in the Downs not ordered to go to the fleet, to ply up and down in the Narrow, having respect to their safety, the enemy being in the Weilings.

8. Col. Sydenham to send proportionably out of the several castles and forts in the Isle of Wight, 80 barrels of powder to Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth.

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9. Col. Rich, Lieut.-Col. Salmon, and Lieut.-Col. Kelsey to be a Committee to consider how the corpse of General Deane may be brought from Woolwich, where it may be lodged, and in what manner the funeral may be ordered; and to confer with the Admiralty Commissioners, and give order as they shall think fit.

10. To order the Mayor of Weymouth, in case Capt. Mason be there, to secure him, and send him in safe custody to Council, to answer matters objected against him; and if his ship be in port, to secure it likewise.

11. The like to Col. Heane, and the like to the commander of the Warwick, to bring the captain and vessel into Portsmouth, if he meet with him at sea.

12. Mr. Strickland, Major-Gen. Desborow, and Col. Stapley, to go to the Ambassador from Portugal on Monday, to condole with him, from Council, on the death of the Prince of Portugal.

13. The Prisoners' Committee to consider how the Dutch prisoners taken in the last fight may be disposed of.

14. 500*l.* to be allowed the said Committee towards defraying the charge of maintaining the said Dutch prisoners.

15. That Committee to agree with the Company of Adventurers in the fens, for taking off as many Dutch prisoners as they require to use in their work, paying them as ordinary labourers.

17. Col. Blount to have the lodgings at Whitehall which belonged to Capt. Nutt, and the Whitehall Committee to be informed thereof.

18. The lodgings formerly Lord Grey's to be reserved by the Committee, and not disposed of until further notice.

19, 22. The petitions of Richard Yates, fishmonger; and of the inhabitants of Richmond, Surrey, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

20. Mr. Moyer added to the Committee for the redemption of captives now in Algiers, Tripoli, and Sally.

23. Order on petition of Philip Earl of Chesterfield, that the Commissioners for Haberdashers' Hall continue to pay him 5*l.* a week, from the dissolution of Parliament until further order.

24. Order on petition of John King and Peter Blackborne, merchants, that they bring in particulars of the goods wherewith the ship mentioned is laden.

26. Order that the substance of an information from Weymouth—of gross miscarriages committed by Capt. Mason, commander of a private man-of-war, whereby he has broken the articles he was bound to observe, and on which a commission for a private man-of-war was granted him, and thereby forfeited the bond which was entered into by his security,—be transmitted to the Advocate of the commonwealth, who is to cause proceedings to be had against him and his security.

27. To write to Col. Wayte to enclose the petition of the inhabitants of Hamilton, and to desire him to do them right.

29. The petition of Elizabeth and Margaret Waight referred to Committee for redemption of captives, to consider and report. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 267–275.]

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78. J. Jamott to————. You will see by Mr. Parker's letter what a man Harborne is. I desire you will follow my Lord Bishop of Derry's direction concerning the tobacco. [¼ *page.*]

June 12. The Resolution, between the Flie and Texel.

79. Generals Blake and Monk to the Admiralty Committee. Col. Goff, Major Bourne, and Capt. Hatsell, with seven ships of war, and 11 victuallers and water ships, have arrived. There are 140 barrels of powder in the Samuel Merchant, and 172 in the John and Katherine, besides shot above their proportion, and 700 soldiers, who might have been serviceable had bedding and clothes been sent with them, but for want of these, there may be much sickness. We will send back the victuallers as soon as unloaded, and desire you will do the same with those who convoyed the Dutch prizes. We have sent 11 ships to Harwich to wash and tallow, and to take in three months' victuals and the ammunition for the fleet which is at Yarmouth.

Let such ships of Capt. Badiley's squadron as are fit for the service be supplied with men and hastened to the fleet, as there have been 11 or 12 great frigates newly launched at Amsterdam and Enchuysen carrying 50 guns apiece, besides 10 men-of-war which came home with the French fleet.

Some hammocks have come in a hoy to Harwich, but no wood or candles, of which there is a great want; the 1,000*l.* has arrived in the John and Katherine, which John Poortmans will get aboard to-day. You say the Cock and Bryer are on their way to the fleet, but as the latter will be very serviceable on the western coast, we do not want her. We have desired Major Bourne to remain at Harwich and Yarmouth, to despatch the ships and frigates sent thither, and the provisions. The supply of ammunition sent will not answer present wants; send a further quantity, and keep up a constant correspondence between us and you and the Council of State. [2 *pages.*]

June 12. The Cock, Downs.

80. Capt. Edw. Chapman to the Council of State. I have been to Ostend to obtain intelligence of the fleet, and having heard that it had sailed northward, returned to the Downs; I now have your commands to convoy two ships with provisions to the fleet at the Texel, but one of them, the Hercules, Lawrence Bramble, master, will not stir without your order, or a new contract from the victuallers. I shall also take a hoy with masts, cordage, &c. [1 *page.*]

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81. Capt. Edw. Chapman to the Admiralty Committee. To the same effect. [½ *page.*]

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82. Petition of Michael Barnes, surgeon, to the Council of State, for an order for payment of an allowance to his mate. Was appointed to attend upon the maimed soldiers at Portsmouth, and allowed both a mate and assistant, both of whom he was forced to pay, but cannot get the pay allowed as others, because he is not free of Surgeons' Hall, and is thereby disappointed of other employments, reduced to poverty, and must perish with his wife and children, if not relieved. [⅔ *page.*]

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June 13. Whitehall. **83.** Reference of the preceding petition to the Navy Commissioners, to cause the usual allowance to be made. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 283.]

June 13. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on information this day given in—that there was a sum of money in the hands of Hugh Audley, upon the account of the Court of Wards—that the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall send for and examine Audley and any other persons, papers, or records that may yield information; and if they find any money in their hands due to the commonwealth, that they cause it to be paid in, and see it done.

3. To answer the petition of Richard Nimling and others, that Council conceive not themselves qualified to relieve him in the loss he has sustained by fire; but if he can prove he lost his hand in the public service, they will consider his condition.

4. The petition of the children of Col. Randall Mainwaring referred to the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall, to state the matter of fact and certify.

5, 6. The letter read from Mr. Longland to Council referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, and a copy to be made and sent to the Generals of the fleet. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **84.**]

7. Order on petition of Richard Hayward, of Hunster, Cheshire, and Margaret his wife,—setting forth that two heifers given them by their son Thos. Hayward for their maintenance have been taken from them by the Baron of Kynderton, under pretence of being goods forfeited to him by law, as lord of the manor, by the death of the said Thos. Hayward, who was lately sentenced by court-martial to die for killing a man, and was accordingly executed, —that Baron Kynderton be required not to meddle with the said cattle, and if he has taken them away, to restore them, and to make no further seizure till he shall have shown cause to Council, and till they give further order therein.

8. To write to the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, to desire him to take especial care that no prejudice be done to the peace of that country by any of those who have been released from hence upon bond or otherwise, and therein to have especial eye upon Gilbert Stuart, and to let him know that if he has any dissatisfaction concerning any of the said persons, he is to secure and send them hither. He is to acquaint Council why Dornford has stayed so long with the ships now with him at Leith, and to hasten him away in pursuance of the orders sent him.

9. To write to Capt. Dornford, and the rest of the ships' captains now or late before Leith, to require them to set sail from thence in pursuance of their orders.

10. In the warrant for relief of the people of Marlborough who suffered by fire, the words "or treasurers" to be put after treasurer.

11. To order the Lieutenant of the Tower to remand to the Tower all persons bailed thence whose times are expired for which they were bailed, in order to the renewing of their bail.

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13. Order that the petition of Robert Fairbeard and Samuel Parker be laid aside.

14. The petition of Major Thos. Drake recommended to the Admiralty Committee.

15. The petition of Thos. Walker, of South Ottrington, co. York, referred to Luke Robinson, Durant Hotham, John Wastall, Leonard Smelt, and Robert Walters, to examine and end the difference between the parties, or state the matter of fact, and certify.

17. The Commissioners of Council appointed to treat with foreign ministers to meet the agent from the senate of Hamburg at 4 this afternoon in Whitehall; Fleming to give him notice.

18. The Committee appointed for the posts to have power to dispose both of the inland and foreign Post Offices as most for the service of the State, either by letting them out to farm, or otherwise, provided that in letting out the same rules and limitations be observed in the price of the postage of letters as have lately been offered to Council from the said Committee, and that they do not farm out the offices for above two years. [*Also Vol. XXXVIII., No.* **85.**]

19. Col. Jones, Mr. Moyer, Major-Gens. Desborow and Harrison and Col. Tomlinson, to be a Committee to confer with Mr. Fountaine and such others as he shall bring with him, concerning the inspecting and improving public offices, and to consider what offices are so to be improved and how, and to report.

20. The petition of Major Philip Eyton referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine the demands and state the fact, and report.

21. Order on petition of Hugh Powell, late deputy-treasurer of the fleet, that he pay in to Council the 51 pieces of gold mentioned as in his hands, to be used for contingencies as the Council shall direct, and the Irish and Scotch Committee to consider what discharge should be given him therefor.

22. The lodgings in Whitehall lately possessed by Capt. Skinner to be assigned to Mr. Frost, according to the order of the Committee for Whitehall, which is to take care that Mr. Frost be put into possession.

23. Mr. Thurloe to bring in an instruction authorising the trustees for sale of the late King's lands to let out the parks about Hampton Court, and the houses belonging to them, at the best advantage.

24. The relation of Wm. Astell, Wm. Pembridge, and Abraham Johnson this day given in to be sent to Dr. Walker, to make such use of as he shall see cause on behalf of the State.

26. To write to Cols. Adam Washington, John Marsh, and Albane Cox, to give quiet possession of the rectory of Gravely-cum-Chesfield to Edmund Godwin, late preacher there, and to continue him therein till matters of this nature be settled.

27. Order on petition of George Thomson, merchant of Southampton, that a letter be written to Capt. Norton, Mr. Major, Col. Sydenham, and Capt. Bowreman, to inquire into his proposition,

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and whether the grounds desired by him are of the nature he alleges, and to certify what is fit to be done.

29. Order on the petition of Capt. Browne, on behalf of himself and the rest of the officers and soldiers under Col. Jervis Benson in Westmoreland, that Capt. Deane state the fact as it stood before the Army Committee, and certify.

30. The petition of John George referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to examine his offences and quality, and return their opinion.

31. That of Thos. Bouthe referred to the Advocate for the army, and —— Styles to be ordered to deliver him his debentures, or show cause to the contrary.

32. To answer to the petition of Isaac Gould that he should apply himself to the Admiralty Commissioners.

33. The petition of Arnold Beak and Christian Paul Santon referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to see whether there be such a pass granted them from the late Council as they allege, and to report. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 279–289.]

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Victualling Office.

86. Dennis Gauden, Nath. Andrewes, and Thos. Alderne, to the Navy Commissioners. We have shipped in four victuallers and some colliers 160,000 of wood and 213 dozen of candles, and paid them the rest of their money, which should have been disbursed for plasters, lanterns, and other turners' ware; as these ships are full, a further supply should be sent by others. Those who are at sea cannot purchase them now, but the pursers and stewards can pay for them when sent, which is the best way to manage this business. The delay in supplying the wants of the fleet arose through the Quinborow victualling, where some ships had a greater proportion than necessary, while others had none at all. As to the money paid by imprest to the stewards or how expended, we know nothing about it, as neither the inspection nor management of that business lies upon us. [*Copy*, 1 *page.*]

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London.

87. William Pym to the Navy Commissioners. You raise a scruple on my account of disbursements for the relief of poor English mariners at St. Malo and other places beyond the seas, by order of the late Council of State; it arises from the present rate of exchange between sterling money and Tournois. For two years the exchange was at par, but now if I am to be paid here, I shall lose a sum large for a merchant. The 670 livres was spent lately, and I have to make it good at par, so pray order me the full sum. [1 *page.*]

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Yarmouth.

88. Lieut. John Scott to the Admiralty Committee. I received your authority to press men on board as well as on shore, but have had no occasion to use it, as some men-of-war having come into the Road, Major Bourne went to the fleet, and left some ships to wait for the coal fleet, which came in, but had had most of the men pressed, and I took care that none who came on shore should escape

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our guards. Two men-of-war had come in before, and I tried to press in this town and at Lowestoft and Pakefield, but could find never a man, as they are all employed in the fishing boats. As the ships left to press are gone to the fleet, I will start for Colchester and then for London. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June 13. Harwich. **89.** Jas. Sarke, Arthur Vawkes, and Daniel Smyth to the Navy Commissioners. There were 50 sick and wounded men from the fleet put on shore here last Thursday; we have taken care for provisions and surgeons for them, but money is wanted for their supply. On Saturday 80 prisoners were also brought on shore, taken in the last engagement; they lie here on the charge of the town, for which we doubt not to have satisfaction. There are several ships in harbour bound for Newcastle, who would be glad to have some of them on board. Pray order them on board our colliers, as our town cannot contain them. [1 *page.*]

June 13. The Resolution. **90.** Thomas Pointer to the Navy Commissioners. The fleet is coursing on the coast of Holland, and is in good condition to engage. No news of Van Tromp's coming out. The Resolution has 630 men. Col. Goffe and Commissioners Bourne and Hatsell arrived last Saturday with 17 sail; several of the fleet have been sent in to wash and tallow. There has been a great expenditure of stores, but they have been somewhat recruited since the engagement; we have 168 barrels of powder at present on board; the carpenter's stores are almost expended. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 13. Newcastle. **91.** Wm. Taylor to Robt. Blackborne. I have impressed all the seamen in these parts according to order. On orders from the Generals I impressed as many able pilots as could be obtained for the northern coast, and put them on board Capts. Eaton and Smith sent for that purpose, but five never appeared, and the frigates went without them. I got four of them, who were imprisoned by the Mayor, but after 14 days were released, as no order came respecting them. I hope your directions will be sent to Alderman Dawson to prevent the like abuses for the future; also that he may receive my account of what I do in pressing men, and reimburse me. [1 *page.*]

June 13. Leghorn. **92.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. The commander of the eight Dutch ships, being young Tromp, has quitted one ship for want of men, and with the seven sail departed yesterday for the west. It is reported here that all the men-of-war in these seas are called home to Holland.

The Venice ships left Tunis the $\frac{18}{18}$ May towards Alicant. A day or two before the late fight in this port, we put 50 barrels of powder on board the Relief, an English ship in the Mould, that the ships then going to fight might be succoured with more facility, but Jno. Edgar, the master, now detains it, pretending it will pay for the guns he lent Capt. Badiley. I have entered a protest against him, and enclose a copy, that you may proceed as you think fit. Capts. Appleton, Marsh, and Seaman have departed by land for Holland, to

render themselves according to agreement. The Dutch ships now gone are very ill manned. With copy of his letter of 6 June. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

92. I. *Charles Longland to John Edge, commander of the Merchant's Relief in Leghorn Mould. On* 10 *March last, I put on board your ship* 50 *barrels of gunpowder for supply of the ships then going to engage the enemy, and that engagement being now past, and no further occasion for the powder to lie aboard your ship, I sent several times to demand it; but contrary to your trust, you deny the delivery, and detain it by violence, at the instance of one Hardwick, for the use of the owners, on pretence to pay yourself for guns lent to Capt. Badiley. As I am a public minister and servant to the State, I in their name protest against your detaining it, as also against all damages this powder shall suffer by its detention, and all other damages that the State or their ships of war shall suffer for want of this powder.—Leghorn,* 19 *May* 1653. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

92. II. *Certificate of Jonathan Parker that he several times repaired on board the Merchant's Relief, to serve John Edge with a copy of the foregoing, but not finding him, left it with Thos. Edge, who promised to deliver it.—Leghorn,* 13 *June* 1653. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

June 13. Leghorn. **93.** Charles Longland to Capt. Badiley. I have sent you many letters, but received no answer. In my last I told you that I had engaged in a bond of 12,000 dollars to get the three captains ashore, that they might go by land for Holland, to present themselves prisoners there; and going to visit them at the lazaretto, I was requited by Seaman, who abused me in the vilest manner, and did his best to take away my life by heaving great stones at me, so that having done the commonwealth service in taking up ships here, I am thus abused for it. Pray acquaint Col. Thompson with this, so that I may have reparation, or I shall have little consolation in serving the public.

It seems, by your wife's letter, that both he and Appleton have abused you likewise, at home as well as here; there were at least 20 of our nation present when this abuse took place, some of whom, as Barker, master of the Blessing, Edge, and others, you will see at home.

The day before the fight I put 50 barrels of powder aboard the Relief in the Mould, to furnish our ships, but upon sending for them the other day, Mr. Edge, the master, refused to deliver them, and alleged he should keep them for the guns you had of him, so we are now going to law about it; therefore forbear paying anything at home, as these are great barrels, and cost the State at least 500*l.* I wonder how he dares be so bold as to detain by violence the State's powder in an illegal way, but I hope they will hear of it. One Hardwick, servant to Jas. Wych, has been the setter-on in this business.

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I wrote that the Venice ships were to touch at Tunis for the Harry Bonadventure, lest the Dutch should lay wait for them at Messina, and I heard from Tunis on $\frac{18}{28}$ May, that they had then departed towards Alicant, where they stayed four days for the Harry Bonadventure, who is still at Messina, and I believe will not stir thence until he has eaten up his prize. The Great Boor, with 18 men-of-war, departed hence 24 May towards the Straits' mouth, and the Leopard and Spahi with them; I hope they will not meet with Capt. Trenchfield's fleet. Young Tromp, with eight sail, has been at Naples to victual, where at least 100 of his men have run away. He came hither last week, and quitted one of their ships for want of men, and is gone hence with seven sail towards the west, and it is reported they are all called home. The Great Boor quitted another ship here, likewise for want of men, for they lost above 250 in the fight, and had nearly 100 wounded, so you may see in what a poor manner they are manned.

Although our State should be ever so much victorious at home, yet except they send a fleet into these seas, they will not regain their honour, for now they are looked upon by all the world, both Turks and Christians, as an undone nation. I shall be glad to have frequent advices of what passes in this great change at home, as also in relation to foreign Princes and States, and what men are now in repute by the change. I have had a letter from Secretary Thurloe.

I desired the State to give order what these Venice ships should do at Alicant, which they might have done a month ago. I fear they will lie there for want of an order. If all these Dutch are called home, I wish Trenchfield's fleet might stay in these seas; they would take a great booty of the Dutch merchantmen, as these seas are full of them. Pray keep the Mary Rose in the service. I doubt the 200 dollars paid Felix Pigot for biscuit will prove a desperate debt. I have not sold your galls nor meddled with your silk aboard Capt. Wyse. [$2\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

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1. No petition from any widows of seamen slain in the service, or wives of any whose husbands are wounded and lie under cure, to be brought into Council, unless they have certificates annexed to them from the officers of the ships.

2. To order Capt. Hatsell to pay Mr. Frost, for the use of Council, the moneys in his hands on account of receipts in Jersey.

3. The Committee of officers to consider the present state of the Isle of Man, and whether the castles and forts now upon the isle are sufficient for its defence, and what men are sufficient for the guard; they are to consult Mr. Rowe, Maj. Eyton, Maj. Slader, and Capt. Johnson, to receive their information of its present condition, and report.

5. Maj.-Gen. Lambert to acquaint Lord Fairfax with what has been done in reference to the Isle of Man, and to desire him to think of some fit person to take care of that place, and to present his name to Council.

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6. The letter from Richard Holman, from aboard the William and John at Erith, dated the 14th inst., and those from several other ships concerning the same business, referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to take care that the prisoners therein mentioned be disposed of as they judge convenient; the Scoutmaster-General and Judge Advocate of the Army added to that Committee.

7. The paper given in by Mr. Rowe, desiring convoy for ships bound for Ireland, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to appoint a convoy, and order that they go not without it. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **94.**]

8. The petition of John Tooker, with the paper from the Excise Commissioners, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to hear the difference between the petitioner and the Excise Commissioners, compose it if they can, or otherwise report.

9. The petition of Lawrence Britton, clerk of Suffolk, referred to * * *

10. To write Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth to send from thence into Lee Road the William and Thomas and the Mary Rose, to convoy all other vessels now there and bound for London into the Thames, and the said war ships are to remain in Lee Road, and give notice of their arrival there, and not to come further up the river.

11. To write the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London that Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne has returned into England, contrary to the Act of Parliament made concerning him, and to desire them to apprehend and put him in safe custody.

12. The petition of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Stationers' Company referred to the Committee for the Posts, to confer with them, and receive such expedients as they offer for the better regulating of printing.

13. The petition of George Mole, prisoner, referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to examine his cause of imprisonment and also his allegations, and to report.

14. The petition of Lawrence Mattison, seaman of Wapping, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to spare him from going to sea if they find it as he alleges.

16. General Deane to be buried in a public manner, provided the charge thereof do not exceed 600*l.*

17. John Corbet and Mr. Latham to appear before a Committee of Council to sit in or about the Council Chamber in Whitehall at 7 a.m. next Thursday, to hear what can be offered on both parts in justification of their respective claims to the Steward's place of Westminster.

18. Major-Gen. Lambert, Col. Jones, Col. Bennet, and Mr. Scobell, to be a Committee to consider the report concerning the Isle of Axholme, and to report. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **94***a.*]

19. The petition of Anne Blackman referred to the Committee for Ely House.

20. Order on petition of Mary Jewet, that if good certificate be

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produced to Mr. Thurloe of the truth of what is alleged, 10*l.* be given her.

21. To answer to the petition of Sir Francis Dodington, that if he be pardoned by the Act of oblivion, he needs not any order of Council; and if he stands excepted, Council thinks not fit to give any order therein.

22. The petition of Wm. Ming, waterman, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to take care he may receive, to his own use, the pension allowed him by the State, in consideration of the loss of his hand, provided he live quietly with his master, or be disposed of to another, or made free, wherein if they meet with any difficulty, they are to state the matter of fact, and report.

23. The petition of Jane Newes, widow, referred to the Committee for Trinity House, to examine her certificates, and whether any allowance has been given her already.

24. The petition of Anne Hughes, widow, referred to the Governors of Ely House and the Savoy.

25. That of James Godden, merchant of London, referred to the Admiralty Judges.

26. To answer the petition of divers persons of Shawell, co. Leicester, that there does not appear any cause to make stay of the proceedings mentioned.

27. The petition of Margaret Richbell, widow, referred to the Committee for Ely House, to take care of her.

28. Order on a paper presented to Council and signed De Caumont Cugnac, desiring liberty to import from France 12 tuns of French wine for his own use, in regard of his commission from the Prince of Condé, that in case he has been received and owned by this State, by virtue of such commission, or as under any public character, liberty be granted him to import 10 tuns of French wine.

29. The petition of John Williamson, master surgeon of the Discovery, referred to Capt. Marryott, the commander, when he shall be come in from sea, to examine whether there be just cause to detain the petitioner's wages, and it is left to him then to apply for relief. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 293–300.]

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The Fleet.

95. Walter Ward to Major-Gen. Harrison. I am not here upon a judgment, but upon a feigned debt, varnished over with the idolized word *decree.* The adverse party died a year ago intestate, owing me 465*l.*; in 1649, upon two absurd lies, an order of Parliament was trodden under foot, and I thrust into prison, and am now held here, without and contrary to authority, and at nobody's suit. The Committee in 1651 sent their warrant for me to attend them, which was obeyed, and you may do the same. I send a paper, and desire your consideration of it. [1 *page.*]

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96. Edward Earl of Worcester to Cromwell. My daughter tells me how much I am bound to you, on whom my sole hopes are founded. My obligation will be only to you, and you will place it on a most thankful person. [1 *page.*]

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June 15. **97.** Petition of Jas. Riddell, merchant of Leith, to the Council of State, for license to import pitch, tar, hemp, &c., useful for the navy, to any port in England or Scotland. [⅔ *page.*]

June 15. **98.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 311.]

[June 15.] **99.** Petition of Tomasine widow of William Huntrise, quartermaster of the Dragon, to the Council of State, for a pension to maintain her in her sick condition. Her husband served seven years, but spent all his salary during an illness, and entering again into the service, he behaved undauntedly, and was killed in the late engagement with the Dutch. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, and note that she has been ordered 18*l.* already. [1 *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 311.] *Annexing,*

99. I. *Certificate by Capt. John Seaman, Lu. Lightfoot, clerk of the check, and another in favour of petitioner.*—7 *March* 1653. [¾ *page.*]

June 15. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1, 10, 15–17. The Whitehall Committee to put Mr. Howard in possession of the lodgings late Sir Art. Hesilrigge's and Mr. Fenwick's; Col. Pyne and Mr. Hollister in those of Col. Purefoy; Col. Thos. Eyre and Nich. Greene in those of Col. Dove; Mr. Marsh and Mr. Highland in those of Col. Dixwell; Mr. Cater, Nath. Taylor, and Mr. Erle in Roger Hill's and Mr. Burrell's; and to provide lodgings for Col. Goring and Capt. Bellot.

3. Quartermaster-General Grosvenor and Lieut.-Col. White to come to Council to-morrow.

6, 24. The petitions of James Powell, of Bristol; and of John Humphrey referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

7. The desires of Lieut.-Col. Talbot, in behalf of the garrison of Ayr, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider and report.

9. Bussy Mansell, James Philips, Quartermaster-General Hugh Courtney, John Browne, John Williams, Richard Price, John James, — Herring, Wroth Rogers late Governor of Ludlow, Mr. Baker, and Col. Danvers, to have the lodgings late in possession of Sir Henry Vane, Sir H. Mildmay, and Col. Thomson, and any others they think meet, so as, if it may be, they may be disposed of together; the Committee for Whitehall to see it carried out.

12, 13. The petitions of Thos. Martin, late master of the Richard and Stephen of London; and of Wm. Hamon, master of the William of London, concerning the taking of their ships by a Dutch man-of-war near Dover, to be considered with others of the like nature.

14. The Earl of Rothes to have liberty for 3 months to repair into Scotland; the Committee for Prisoners to take sufficient security for his return, and that he shall act nothing to the prejudice of the commonwealth.

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18. To write to Commissary-General Whalley of the information sent up concerning—Partridge of Capt. Dale's troop, who excited the people at Retford to refuse paying the excise; to desire him to call a council of war to proceed against him, and to request that what they shall order to be done to him for his miscarriage be done publicly, to discourage the people of the country and the soldiers from like practices.

19. To write to Major Swallow and the justices of the peace who wrote to Council concerning the miscarriage of Partridge, to desire them to send up to Council 2 or 3 of the innkeepers or brewers who refuse to pay excise at Partridge's instigation, to be proceeded against according to law.

22. The petition of Rowland Pitt referred to the trustees at Drury House, to examine and report.

23. That of James or Geo. Boldrow and others referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to give such directions that he may import commodities necessary for the navy, and such others as were not laden contrary to the Act for navigation. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **100.**]

25. To answer to the petition of Henry Law, jeweller of London, that when he ascertains the time when his goods were taken from him, Council will consider his business.

26. The appointed Committee to meet the Portuguese Ambassador at Whitehall at 10 to-morrow; Fleming to give him notice.

27, 32. The petitions of Katherine wife of John Godden; and of Eliz. Jennings, widow, referred to the Navy Commissioners, who are to do as is usual in case relief has not formerly been given.

28. All petitions addressed to Council by the widows and children of seamen who lost their lives in the service since 1st December last, to be sent to the Admiralty Committee.

29. The Irish and Scotch Committee, by conference with the Navy Commissioners, to consider of a way for examining the said petitions that the State may not be defrauded by giving relief twice, or by relieving those to whom nothing is due.

30. The answer to the petition of the Mayor, jurats, and other inhabitants of Dover, deferred till judgment be given concerning the money therein mentioned, and Lieut.-Col. Kelsey to inquire what proceedings have been concerning the same, and how the case stands, and see that there is no unnecessary delay in bringing the cause to sentence.

31, 34. The petitions of Thomasin Bishop, widow, and Mary Shaw, widow, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **101.**]

33. The petition of Elizabeth Grace, widow, referred to the Committee for Trinity House, to examine the truth of what is alleged, and report.

36. That of Beatrice Pilman referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine if she has been relieved, and report.

38. That of Thos. Murril, seaman, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to do for him as is usual.

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39. Order that the petition of John Barrell, and other tenants to the participants in the drainage of Hatfield Chase, be considered when the report concerning that fen be made.

40. The petition of John Beme referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

41. That of Joan Kenton, widow, referred to the Governors of Ely House, who, being satisfied of her allegations, are to relieve her.

42. That of John Scotteringh, senator and merchant of Hamburg, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to examine and report.

43. That of John Steere and James Torney, of the Discovery in the State's service, referred as to the part of it which concerns wages, to the Navy Commissioners, and as to what concerns the defrauding of the State, to the Commissioners for Prize Goods, who are so to examine it as that the State and petitioners may have justice done.

44. To answer the petition of Mary Gernon, that Council can give no further answer than already given.

46. The petition of Roger Robinson, referred to the Excise Commissioners, to state and report.

47. The petition of Maurice Gardner referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to bring in their report concerning the business contained in the petition, and to consider what proportion is fit to be allowed further, in relation to the discovery therein mentioned.

48. The petition of George Clerke, merchant of London, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to report.

49. Order on the petition of the children of the Earl of Kildare, that inquiry be made whether there was not money allowed their mother to transport them into Ireland. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 303–314.]

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Whitehall.

Council of State to Com.-Gen. Whalley. We send you depositions to prove that — Partridge, a soldier in Capt. Dade [or Dale's] troop, has both by words and actions discouraged the payment of excise, in co. Notts, and at East Retford so affronted Mr. Barnet, sitting there as Commissioner of Excise, that many persons departed without paying their excise. You are therefore to order the commander of your horse there to call a council of war at the place, examine the business, and Partridge's conduct, and if he is found guilty, inflict on him such punishment as his offence deserves. [*I.* 69, *p.* 314.]

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Instructions to Josias Berners, Fras. Massenden, Sir Wm. Roberts, John Parker, Hen. Pitt, Mat. Valentine, and Rob. Aldsworth,

By an Act for sale of estates forfeited for treason, of November 18, 1652, all persons who were to have the benefit of the saving therein expressed were, before 1 Feb. last, to deliver in a particular of their interest or claim to the Commissioners appointed by an Act for transferring the powers of the Committee for obstructions, and obtain their allowance before 1 April last. But as

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several claims have been given in which could not so soon be ended, we authorise you to determine them before 1 August next. [*I.* 69, *p.* 315.]

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1. The petition of Capt. Thos. Bodham and others referred to Col. Rob. Jermy, Col. Brampton Gurdon, Hen. King, Edw. Bullard, and Capt. Roger Harper, who are to examine the riot therein mentioned, and proceed according to law against those concerned therein; and all officers and soldiers are required to assist them, if they shall desire it.

2–4. John and Francis Brewster to have the lodgings in Whitehall which belonged to Robert Brewster, and Sir Gilb. Pickering the Queen's closet, formerly Mr. Scott's; the Committee for Whitehall to put them in possession, and to provide convenient lodgings for Mr. Major.

5. Col. Grosvenor and Lieut.-Cols. Kelsey and Worsley to be a Committee to take a view of the lodgings in Whitehall, Somerset House, the Mews, and Westminster, and to consider how, in the said houses, the persons who are called to be of the supreme power may be conveniently lodged, having respect to such orders of Council as have been given for accommodation of some of the said persons, members of Council and others, whose names are contained in a list, and in several orders of Council which are to be sent to the said Committee.

6. The letter from Capt. Clarke in Guernsey referred to the Ordnance Committee.

7. Mr. Peters to be continued in his lodgings in Whitehall, and the Committee to see this order observed.

8. To write to the Generals of the fleet to acquaint them with the passes which were given to certain ships belonging to the Genoese, to come from Amsterdam and go to Genoa, to let them know that some of those ships are taken on to be men-of-war for the Hollanders, and to desire them to see that no prejudice be done to the fleet by those ships, under colour of the Council's pass.

10. Order that the judges for probate of wills may commit to custody persons refusing obedience to that court, and detain them till they give obedience.

11, 12. Order that Hen. Broad, Wm. Jessop, Mr. Maddison, John Mayingstone, James Freeze, Nich. Bond, Rich. Wilcox, this day constituted a Committee for taking the accounts of the commonwealth, have for their pains and attendance in that service 200*l.* a year each, and Maj.-Gen. Desborow, Col. Stapley, Col. Tomlinson, to be a Committee to send for them, acquaint them with their appointment, and deliver over to them the instructions passed by Council.

13, 14. To write to the Lord Mayor that Council is informed by Sheriff Underwood, that Col. John Lilburne has been apprehended and committed to him by his Lordship by a verbal order, and that Council expects Lilburne should be committed to prison, in order to his trial at law, and has ordered Mr. Attorney to proceed against him; also to write to Mr. Attorney accordingly.

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15. Order on report from the Navy Commissioners in the case of Mary widow of Edward Jones, that they relieve her according to the rules in like cases.

16. The petition and paper of Anthony Hobart to be sent to the Lords Commissioners of the Seal, and they desired to send to Council in writing what they have to say concerning that matter.

17. Thos. Grantham and Thos. Beaumont, apprehended on information given in to Council of a challenge which passed between them, to be sent to Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Quarterm.-Gen. Grosvenor, and Col. Clarke, who are appointed a Committee to examine them thereon, and to take bail for them if they see cause, or otherwise to report.

19. To send to the Admiralty Judges to forbear acting in that court until further order.

21. The petition of John Brandling referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **102.**]

22. That of John Bate and John Milnes, of Westmoreland, referred to the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners.

23. That of Thos. Skelton referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee to report.

24. Order on the certificate from the Navy Commissioners of the 14th instant, in the case of Penelope Thomson, that they allow 15*l.* more, and order payment.

25. Col. Downes, Ald. Allein, and Capt. Deane, to come to Whitehall at 10 a.m. to-morrow, to confer with Maj.-Gens. Lambert and Desborow concerning some business of public concernment.

26. Sir John Wintour to have the liberty of the cities of London and Westminster for two months, on security to the Lieutenant of the Tower to render himself up at the end of that time, and to do nothing prejudicial to the present Government.

27. The Admiralty Commissioners in Scotland to name fit persons to take care of and give order for repair of ships of war brought into any harbours and ports of Scotland, in case they be judged capable of being made serviceable, or otherwise to sell them to the best advantage.

28. Order that—as several persons in cos. Air, Renfrew, and Kirkcudbright have been lately sequestered, because the counties have not submitted to the union tendered them by Parliament, and though time was given them to consider, refuse to submit, pretending scruples of conscience,—all things relating to them remain as they now stand, until the supreme power, shortly to meet, take further order.

29, 30. The public revenue of Scotland arising by way of assessment, customs, toll, King's revenue, sequestration, or otherwise, to be issued forth by a warrant under the hand of the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland until next November 1st, and to be by him issued for making such fortifications as are needful in Scotland, not exceeding 2,000*l.*; also by way of loan upon account for supply of the army and forces, for preventing free quarter, and for carrying on

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other necessary and public services in Scotland, and the remainder to be issued for payment of forces there.

31, 32. The said Commander-in-Chief to issue monies for the administration of justice in Scotland, and paying other salaries there, until 1st November, and to take care that a true and orderly account be kept of monies received and issued in Scotland.

33. Council having resolved to continue Heriot's Hospital at Edinburgh as a hospital, and there having been abuses in the management, and mis-spending of the revenues, the Commissioners for confiscated estates and customs in Scotland are authorised to regulate it, receiving the rents, bringing in the debts, and calling to account all who have received any of the profits. They are to take care that no soldier be admitted but on certificate of his officer, and that a horseman shall allow 2*s*. and a footman 1*s*. a week out of his pay, for his recovery, during the time he remains there. They are also to pay 40*l*. a year to the children of Heriot, the founder.

34. If in execution of any judgments given in the courts of justice in Scotland, in matters of sequestration, customs, or any cases of like nature wherein the State may be concerned, there shall be occasion to make use of the military power, its assistance is to be given by order of the officer commanding at the place where it is desired, and the Commander-in-Chief is to order the officers of the several regiments, troops, companies, and garrisons in that nation accordingly.

35. The sequestrations made of the houses in Leith by the Commissioners for the time being, to remain for the present in the same condition as they now stand.

36. The Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, and the Commissioners for regulating the Universities there, to have power to appoint sheriffs and commissaries in the several counties, for furthering a due administration of justice.

37. The Commissioners for visiting the Universities in Scotland, and for placing and displacing ministers, to have power to punish such in the ministry or universities as shall be found reviling the Government set over the nation, or endeavouring to render the people disaffected, by praying or preaching for a monarchical Government.

38. An inventory to be taken and sent up to Council of all the goods belonging to the late King and Earl Marshal that were taken in Dunnottar Castle, and so many of them as may be put off with advantage to be sold in Scotland, and the residue to be sent up to London, reserving only so much of the ordinary furniture as will serve for a room or two.

39. The judges in Scotland, and the Commissioners for confiscated estates and customs, to appoint a fit person to be Advocate for the commonwealth in Scotland, and to allow him therefor as they think fit.

40. The Commissioners for removing obstructions in the sale of the manors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments directed to be sold by any Act or ordinance of Parliament, to be enjoined to summon all purchasers of lands and estates forfeited for treason, who are

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certified by the treasurers as in arrear for their first and second half or any part thereof, and to compel the payment of all such arrears; and in default to sequester the estates, real and personal, of such purchasers; but upon payment thereof, with due interest, to discharge the sequestration. The Commissioners and Sub-Commissioners for sequestration of the several counties, towns, and cities of this commonwealth are hereby enjoined to take care thereof, and to observe such orders as they shall receive from the said Committee for removing obstructions.

47. The letter brought in from the Irish and Scotch Committee to the Army Committee, concerning Capt. John Whitworth, to be signed and sent. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 319–331, 336.]

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Whitehall.

103. Declaration of the Council of State. By the Act of 12 October 1652, for further empowering the Commissioners for removing obstructions to determine claims, the Commissioners in the Act for transferring the powers of the Committee were authorised to determine all claims on petitions made to the said Committee for removing obstructions, and no time was limited in the Act, whereby several persons who have put in claims delay their prosecution, and thus great obstructions are made in the sale of the said manors, lands, &c. It is therefore ordered that the time for determining the said claims be till 1 November next. All who do not get allowance of their claims before then are hereby barred of their claims. [*Printed sheet. Also I.* 69, *pp.* 331, 332.]

June 16.
Whitehall.

Council of State to the officers that seized the Bibles. Mercy Collins has petitioned for restoration of 130 Bibles in folio imported, which were seized by the Customs' officers, informed against in the Exchequer, and a writ issued for their appraisement. But as Council wishes them to be restored to the proprietor, you are to forbear further prosecution, and restore them accordingly. [*I.* 69, *p.* 335.]

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Whitehall.

Council of State to Lord Hopton. We, reposing especial trust in your wisdom and faithfulness, do by these presents constitute you a Commissioner for the administration of justice to the people of Scotland, according to the laws of Scotland, equity, and good conscience; and authorise and require you, jointly with the other Commissioners, to observe the instructions given by the said Commissioners of Parliament for managing affairs in Scotland, or by Parliament or Council, in such sort as if you had been comprehended in the first commission constituting the Commissioners for affairs in Scotland, of which all persons are to take notice. [*I.* 69, *p.* 336.]

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The Resolution, off the Texel.

104. John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. The enemy has not as yet shown his head. I suppose he must suddenly appear, or I do not know what will become of the Dutch who live altogether by their trade at sea, which is endeavoured to be stopped by us, for our frigates ply as near the Flie and Texel harbours as they can with

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safety. The Martin and Nonsuch ketch have brought in a prize from Lisbon, laden with salt and sugar and 14 guns, bound for the Maes. There were four more, but they escaped to Friezland, and orders have been given to nine ships named to go ashore to surprise and destroy them.

Thanks for yours of the 11th, with the list of new representatives.

You say our demands are long, but it was to complete our former store. If we had not 10 barrels of powder in our whole fleet, the Lord would carry on his work, but when means are set before us, we are to use them. The rendezvous was appointed in the Swinn to prevent hazard in sending provision ships to us, not with any thought of returning with the fleet. The Generals intend to stay here the time you mention, if victuals last. I received the 1,000*l.* by Capt. Morgan of the John and Katherine. Some ships have arrived with provisions for the fleet, as also some soldiers, but no clothes nor bedding. [2 *pages.*]

June 16. London. **105.** Theodorus to Lord Conway. The Council of State, on Saturday last, seriously debated whether the present term should be adjourned, when it was carried in the negative by one. Not long since, at the same board, all the royal party throughout England, and especially those who are considerable, would have been secured before now, if the Lord General had not been more merciful to poor cavaliers than Major-General Harrison.

The French King still continues his siege before Bordeaux, having lately taken in Bellegarde, and razed it to the ground. A short time before the late great sea fight, the States of Holland were upon sending Lord Nieuport, with three other agents, over to treat with us, but they are now stayed upon a resolution to condescend to far lower terms than formerly, or else not to send over at all.

A view having been taken of their fleets since they returned, they find there are 36 wanting, and those which were left we have pursued into several harbours. Their greatest number, being 58 in one body, we have blocked up in the Weilings, not far from Ostend. We daily watch for the return of their East India fleet, of 12 or 14 sail, expected the end of this month. It is said we either have, or shall shortly land 5,000 or 6,000 of our best soldiers within the very bowels of their country, to disturb and puzzle them. All these mischiefs most meritoriously fall upon them, for neither the French, Dane, nor any other of their confederates could ever prevail with them to take in the Scotch King's interest, no not so much as once to put out a flag for him, upon which very account the Danes (their best friends) deserted them, and they were not unanimous amongst themselves. At the first engagement, 60 of their men-of-war fell off, and left Van Tromp but 40 to engage all our navy of 120 sail; yet upon second thoughts, some 20 of those 60 returned; but when once our Admiral Blake came in to our aid, with his 13 or 14 sail, he soon routed and put them to flight, and 12 or 13 of our ships have brought a great many Dutch prionerss, and landed

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them at Harwich, with the resolution to bring them to London, and to have them shown throughout our streets.

Lieut.-Col. Jno. Lilburne, who was formerly banished, has safely returned to London.

Neither your servant Mr. Woodshaw, nor Barnes, the Petworth carrier, can give me any account of what you mention touching Dr. Heylyn; all your books are sent save the Two Noble Kinsmen. My Lord Mayor, by a warrant from the General and his Junto Council, committed legislative John Lilburne yesterday night from Guildhall to Newgate, and it is verilly believed he will be hanged forthwith, as his turbulent and restless spirit seems to be so incompatible with my Lord General's intended government for the future. [1 *page.*]

June 16. **106.** Miles Woodshaw to Lord Conway. I have waited on Col. Cromwell, who delivered your letter to the Lord General, and was promised an answer; and as he intends dining with him to-day, he will endeavour to obtain it. I have spoken to one of the clerks at Whitehall, and he will endeavour to obtain me the copies you require. Mr. Kilby has received the papers, and promised to do all he can to serve Mr. Conway, and Mr. Griffin will be in town on Saturday. Lord Byron is in town, and desires the papers you have, and has promised to send you some others. Sir Allen Apsley is still at my house; he would have sent to you last week, but could not get his letter finished. I cannot get Mr. Curtis to do anything in that business without money. [1 *page.*]

June 17. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint some fit frigate to convoy the Portuguese Ambassador on his way home. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **107.**]

2. Col. Stapley added to the Committee to examine Sir Wm. Farmer and Sir Charles Compton.

3. Capt. Henry Mason to be committed prisoner to the Serjeant-at-arms.

4. The Mayor of Weymouth's letter of the 13th inst., and all other letters and papers concerning Capt. Mason, to be sent to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

5. Mr. Strickland and Maj.-Gen. Desborow to be a Committee to meet M. Barrière at Whitehall at 4 p.m.; Fleming to give him notice.

6. The petition of the merchants trading to Russia referred to the Admiralty Committee, recommending them to grant the petitioners 60 men for the voyage desired, if convenient.

7. The letter from Wm. Godfrey, from the Warwick frigate in Weymouth Roads, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to use in Captain Mason's business.

8. The petition of Robert Earl of Holland, the letter from the Committee of Obstructions to the late Parliament about the keeping of Hyde Park, and the order of Parliament annexed, referred to

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the Committee of Obstructions, to proceed in the case according to justice and precedent.

11. The letter to the Duke of Venice now read, concerning Sir Michael Philip's appointment as consul there, approved, and to be fair written and sent.

12. Order on petition of Thos. Fanshaw and Katherine his wife, that Council find it fit for the consideration of the supreme authority now shortly to meet, and leave it to them accordingly.

13. Like order on the petition of George Bromley and others, on behalf of many hundreds of the inhabitants in and about London, for their public faith money.

14. Order that Capt. Fauconbridge do not henceforth pay any money on warrant from the Revenue Commissioners or others; that he give in an account of the treasure in his hands on receipt of the late King or Queen's revenues, and of the warrants charged thereon and unpaid; and that he give Council a weekly account of his receipts from those revenues.

16. To order Maj. Wigan to send a fit number of soldiers to put aboard the Samson, Salvadore, and George, there to remain till further orders, allowing 8*d.* a day to each soldier while on that service, and a warrant to be directed to the Commissioners for Prize Goods to pay the same, and the cost of carrying the soldiers by water to the ship.

18. To write to the Mayor and jurates of Feversham that the corn mill has been lately converted by Daniel Judd into a powder magazine by order from hence, to supply the pressing public occasions; also to desire them to stay their proceedings against Judd till they inform Council of the cause thereof, and to permit Judd to take the waste water into the main river, with the leave of the owners where the banks must be made for that purpose, provided it prejudice no person concerned.

20–23, 32. The petitions of Dame Margaret Hungerford; of Robert Canne & Co., merchants of Bristol; of Christopher Hawling, Commissary in Scotland; of John Coffy and Martin Brice; and of Urian Oakes, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

24. That of the inhabitants of Lynn and Boston referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

25. That of Capt. Dodsworth referred to the Indemnity Committee, to indemnify the petitioner if they can, or report. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **108.**]

26. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider how 8*s.* a day may be settled on the Governor of Dumbarton Castle, as captain of a foot company, and 3*s.* as governor there; and how it may be done by way of retrenchment, and to report.

27. The petition of Richard Meredith referred to Col. Grosvenor and the rest of the Committee appointed for lodging the gentlemen called to the supreme power.

28. Maj.-Gens. Lambert and Harrison, Mr. Carew, Col. Jones, and

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Col. Bennet to be a Committee to consider the business of the Tower in relation to all officers employed there; to take an acconnt of their salaries, and consider how they may be lessened, and the work committed to their charge carried on in an orderly way; with power to examine such persons and papers as may throw light on the matter, and to prepare such an establishment as they conceive fit, and present it to Council.

29. Order on petition of Charles Cavendish, Viscount Mansfield, that Mr. Scobell bring to Council the report and papers in his hands which were to have been offered to the late Parliament in the case.

31. Order on petition of the inhabitants of the parish of New Church in Rossendale, co. Lancaster,—that they had lands given in or before the reign of Henry VIII. of a good yearly value for maintenance of their minister, and that the possessor was to pay the minister 20*l.* yearly, but that Chris. Nuthall, who possesses the lands, refuses to pay the said 20*l.*,—that Mr. Somerton be continued minister till further order, and Mr. Nuthall pay him the 20*l.*, or show cause within 20 days.

33. Order on petition of Mary Jewett, that if she produce to Mr. Thurloe good certificate according to her petition, she is to receive 10*l.*

37. Mr. Powell to pay 47 of the 51 pieces of Portugal gold in his hands to Mr. Frost for Council's contingencies, and reserve the other four for his own use, in consideration of his losses and charges in Portugal.

40. Major Wigan to send a guard of soldiers aboard the Samson, Salvadore, and George, to continue there till further order, and to give directions that sentinels be so placed aboard the ships that nothing therein may be removed, nor any boats suffered to come aboard or depart from the ships, without their sight and notice.

41. The Committee for Prize Goods to take care to provide boats to carry to the said ships the guard of soldiers, and to allow them each 8*d.* a day during their stay. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 337–348.]

June 17. Whitehall. Council of State to Chas. Walley and Ant. Robins. We send you a list of ordnance, ammunition, &c. required for the garrison of Ayr in Scotland. As there are divers guns, &c. now to be removed from Chester and Beaumaris to London, if any part of them be fit for Ayr, we wish them to be sent there. You are therefore to stay them, and if already on ship-board, to have them unladen and put into another vessel for Ayr, the residue to be sent to London. You are also to take a view of what remains at Chester and Beaumaris, and if there is anything there that can be spared for Ayr, to send it, and the governor or storekeeper there is to deliver it to you. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 351, 352.] *Annexing,*

1. *List of bullet, guns, field-carriages, arms, and other ordnance stores required for the garrison at Ayr.* [*I.* 69, *pp.* 352–354.]

June 17. Whitehall. **109.** Council of State to Col. Pyne and the rest of the justices of peace of co. Somerset. Sir Chas. Berkeley and Fras. Swanton, for

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themselves and the proprietors of lands in Frome Selwood forest, and Sir Jas. Thynne, have complained of the notorious destroying of the fences of lands which formerly belonged to the forest, but have been lately settled on the petitioners. We resent this as prejudicial to the peace of the county, and likely to lead to general disturbance. Such exorbitances, when the law is open for redress of grievances, must proceed from disaffection. Though we doubt not your vigilancy, we desire your special care to keep your county quiet, and to see that no spoil is committed on the petitioners' estates. If needful, you may call in the soldiery quartered in the county, who are hereby required to aid you. [*Copy.* 1¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

109. I. *Order in the Council of State for the writing of the above letter.*—16 *June* 1653. [1 *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 324.]

June 18. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on petition of Capt. Chillendon, that the chapel on the east side of the north end of Paul's, commonly called the Stone Chapel, be allowed to the congregation whereof he is a member, and they are to meet there without interruption.

2. To answer to the petition of Samuel Vassal, that Council have no power to give relief therein.

3. The petition of Capt. John Wadsworth referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to examine the fact concerning the loss of his ship, and report.

4. The petition of Jane Balthazar referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider it when they consider the business of Balthazar and Skelton.

6. To write the Mayor of Newcastle that as he is called to attend the service of the commonwealth in the supreme power, Council has thought fit to appoint Alderman Bonner to supply his place for the remaining time of his mayoralty, and to desire him, before his departure, to put Bonner into the execution of the office.

8. To write to Major Parker and — Spencer to desire them to apprehend Elliot and send him up in safe custody.

9. To order Capt. Hatsell to give directions for bringing away from Portsmouth and Plymouth the great shot lately brought in thither by a French prize, with such convoy as may secure their passage.

10. To write to the bailiffs of Ipswich to take care that the sick and wounded sent thither from the fleet be carefully provided for, and that what they disburse on their service shall be repaid upon their bill of exchange, which they are to draw on the Navy Treasurer.

11. The petition of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne directed to Council, and his letters to the Lord General to be transmitted to the Attorney-General, to make such use of as he shall find necessary for the State.

12. Mr. Freeman to be discharged from employment as Attorney-General of South Wales.

13–17. Judges Powell and Clerke to be discharged from going as judges in cos. Carmarthen, Cardigan, and Pembroke.

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15. Judges Eltonhead and Norbury discharged from going to cos. Glamorgan, Brecknock, and Radnor.

17. George Billinghurst appointed prothonotary for cos. Carmarthen, Cardigan, and Pembroke.

18. Sir Henry Mildmay to be permitted to keep the lodgings in Whitehall formerly belonging to the Master of the Jewel House, till further order.

19. To send to Dr. Gourdon to deliver to the Attorney-General all papers relating to the charge against Nathaniel Markes, merchant, that he may be proceeded against according to law.

20. The Commissioners appointed to examine and state the demands of the merchants and others trading into Portugal, to make their report to Council with speed.

21. Order granting the petition of Noah Bridges for license to print, bind, publish, and dispose of a treatise by him set forth concerning arithmetic, provided the book be of his own making. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 355–359.]

June 18.
Surrey.

110. The Committee for co. Surrey to the Council of State. We have caused an exact muster to be made of the regiment and company under Cols. Jones and Fielder successively, and find that Serjeant-Major Nathan King was captain in the said regiment 853 days, and serjeant-major 694 days, and only received 520*l.* 7*s.*; so that at 9*s.* a day as major and 15*s.* as captain, there is 431*l.* 8*s.* due to him, Endorsed Mr. Pope's bills. Anne Pope, wife and executrix of Major Nathan King. [1 *sheet.*]

June 18.
Leith.

111. Commissioners Edw. Syler and Rich. Saltonstall to the Admiralty Committee. We send accounts of provisions supplied to the fleet, and of money expended upon impressed men sent by Capt. Pestell. We must charge him with neglect of duty. The Generals ordered him to convoy some busses to Scarborough, and to free the coast of pirates. He brought all his fleet into this road, sending orders by land for the busses to follow, and he rode here from 1 to 7 June, blocked by the wind, and falsely pretending to have been driven in by a storm, though the other captains were troubled at being detained in so critical a juncture. We think he came to sell off some wines, &c. that he had taken, for he was continually on shore disposing of wine, &c., though he received orders both from Col. Lilburne and the Council of State to hasten to the fleet. His neglect caused a rumour among the disaffected that our fleet was beaten, and then had run here for shelter. [1 *page.*]

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At Mr. Wind's, surgeon, Ipswich.

112. Dr. Daniel Whistler to the Admiralty Committee. On my arrival at Ipswich, I found Mr. Burton and the three other surgeons sent down to Yarmouth returned, hearing that the sick and wounded had arrived here and at Harwich. The number was 165, but 60 more have come since. Eight ships have come in from the fleet to be tallowed, so that the coming of those eight surgeons I appointed to follow me from London is very seasonable.

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Harwich is no place for sick men, the air being as bad as at sea, and the water worse than thatthe drink at sea is made of, whereby the sea scurvy, which is the chief disease, is deprived of good land air and fresh water, two necessary ingredients in the cure. I wish all the sick were sent here, there being very good accommodation. I am going to Major Bourne at Harwich, and doubt not of his assistance in carrying on the work. [1 *page.*]

June 19. The Resolution, off the Texel.

113. John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. I cannot see how a more frequent intercourse can be maintained between you, the Navy Commissioners, and the Generals at sea; but they have desired Major Bourne to reside at Yarmouth, Harwich, and thereabouts, in order thereto, as also to despatch away the victuallers and other ships to the fleet, and receive a certain account of our movements.

I am glad to hear there is such a spirit in our rulers as to [discountenance] the very appearance of Antichrist in their practices, as the vain pomp at the funeral of Lord Ireton was very offensive to many. It will be disowned in the burial of Gen. Deane. I hope Antichrist and his ways will fall every day in our nation.

We are still in our station, and have little news except of vessels lately taken. I have sent copies of the declarations on board the vice and rear-admiral. We are five or six leagues from shore, because of a storm last night, in which the Ruby was damaged. [1 *page, damaged.*]

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2. The petition of the masters of the ships lately stayed by the King of Denmark in the Sound, as to their desire of employment in the service, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

3, 4. Col. Stapley, Major-Generals Desborow and Harrison, and Col. Tomlinson to be a Committee to speak with the Lords Commissioners of the Seal, concerning the charge they are to give the judges before they go to their circuits, and the said Commissioners of the Great Seal to come and speak with them at 3 p.m., in the Queen's guard chamber at Whitehall.

5. 200*l.* apiece to be paid to the judges of Westminster Hall, on account of their salaries.

6. Mr. Garland and the rest of the Committee for Whitehall to put Mr. Major in possession of the lodging lately occupied by Sir Henry Mildmay.

7. Hen. Broad and the other Commissioners for taking the accounts of the commonwealth to come and speak with a Committee of Council at 2 p.m. to-morrow, in or about the Council Chamber, Whitehall.

8. The letter from the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland of the 11th inst. from Dublin, and Col. Venables' letter of the 8th inst. from Carrickfergus, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

10. The debate concerning the business of Holland to be taken up next Friday.

12. Liberty given to the ancient society practising arms in Cripplegate Churchyard to draw their company forth into the field on 12 July next.

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13, 14. The Attorney-General and Sir Thos. Widdrington to come to Council at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

15. Mons. Beveringe, sent to this commonwealth from the States General, to have audience of Council at 5 p.m.; Fleming to give him notice. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 362–366.]

June 20.
Rateliff.

114. Capt. Wm. Wildey to the Admiralty Committee. I have ordered Capt. Cox to repair on board the Phœnix, but cannot find the captain of the Elizabeth. I will go to the Hope, and Lee Road, and give Capt. Clarke and his convoys the orders received. I was afraid I should have trouble to get the victualling ships to go to the fleet on the coast of Holland, but I have spoken to Capt. Limbery, who says their contract is to go where they are ordered. The powder and shot should be sent in large vessels. I must defend myself from your high displeasure of mis-representations about me. I have neither been negligent nor unfaithful, and if I erred in carrying out your orders, it has been from misapprehension. I beg dismissal, as there are others better qualified. I never promised the payment of the seamen's wages, but merely gave them tickets, so that they could demand them when they came in, after removal to other ships.

P.S.—Let the soldiers for the ships be sent down speedily. [1½ *pages.*]

June 20.
Dover.

115. Wm. Cullen, Mayor of Dover, Thos. Day, and Edw. Prescott, to the Navy Commissioners. We received your orders of the 17th, to make provision for the sick and wounded from the fleet, not exceeding 7*s.* per man each week, and to charge the same upon the Commissioners for Prize Goods. These directions make no distinctions between officers and men of rank and common seamen; nor between the wounded and sick, and those slightly wounded or only tainted with scurvy; nor for those who require constant attendance for calenture, or who come on shore almost naked, and must have clothes. We have to put them in private houses, having no hospitals, and provisions are very dear. Unless that rate is increased, we cannot compel the inhabitants to entertain these, or to receive others, and it would be grievous to see those who have lost their blood and limbs, and hazarded their lives in defence of their country, perishing out of doors, as we are informed they have done elsewhere. We will draw bills this week for the balance of the last account. [1 *page.*]

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Hull.

116. Thos. Somerscales to Robt. Blackborne. I want to know how Customs' affairs go in these changeable times. I am informed that some are attempting to remodel our Custom House by laying informations against me and others of the honestest officers in this port, but it proceeds more from malice and self ends than truth, and will be easily disproved if men may have liberty to answer for themselves; but the accusers say they may not, and that Mr. Cann, who will present the case, has such influence with the Council of State that he can place or displace whom he likes. I refer to Mr. Harwar

for further information. I beg your interest in discovering the accusers, whom I suppose to be the scum of the port, who would raise themselves by scandalizing others. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June 20. The Resolution, off the Texel.

117. Generals Blake and Monck to Capt. Robt. Clarke. You are to sail with the ships under your command to Yarmouth Road, and convoy all victualling and other ships bound for the fleet, but if there are none ready, then to sail with those you have to us, and ply between the Flie and the Texel until you find us. [1 *page.*]

June 20. The Resolution, 4 leagues off the Texel.

118. Gens. Blake and Monck to the [Admiralty Committee]. We have not received any further supply of wood, candles, and hammocks than mentioned in our last. We have sent orders to Capt. Clarke to repair to us with the 14 victuallers, six water ships, and other stores and provisions. We send you an exact account of the powder and shot now in the fleet, but we still want 60 tons of round shot to complete our proportion of powder. We should like an account beforehand of all vessels coming to us, and an order to the captains to repair to us on arrival, as some are long in the fleet before we know of them.

The 80 seamen and 40 soldiers have arrived, and been disposed of amongst the ships.

We will wait for the fleet of Dutch ships coming from the Straits, and endeavour to intercept them. It is blowing weather; we have taken the Young Prince laden with salt and sugar from Lisbon, and another with tar and deals. The Ruby lost her foremast and bowsprit in a storm, but saved the rigging and sails.

We hear that the King of Denmark and Queen of Sweden have fallen out, and that the Queen has drawn some forces towards his country.

The contract with the Anne and Joyce having expired, we have sent her into the river as convoy to four Hamburghers, laden with pitch, tar, hemp, canvas, &c. Let care be taken for present payment of such as you buy. Do not forget the hammocks, as there is great of them. [$2\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

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119. Extract from the above, &c. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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120. Reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners.—June 25. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 20. The Resolution, off the Texel.

121. Gens. Blake and Monk to the Admiralty Committee. We send back 95 soldiers in the Anne and Joyce and Ruby, every ship having its number complete, also 20 sick men. Pray order them to be carefully looked after. The seamen and soldiers especially are in great want of clothes, having hardly sufficient to cover their nakedness. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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122. Extract from the above. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

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123. Reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners.—June 25. *page.*]

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June 20. Leghorn. **124.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. I am informed from Alicant that all the Dutch ships on that coast have orders from Holland to lade salt there, and come home, and that they are to make their rendezvous at Cadiz, where it is very probable the merchant ships and men-of-war lately gone hence are to meet them; if so, they will be 60 or 70 sail and amongst them 30 men-of-war, not 10 of them manned better than merchant ships. The Leopard has 100 men, and it is a pity she should ever go to Holland. I enclose an account of what money I have paid the officers of the Leopard, so that when they come for their wages, you may deal with them as you please. With copy of his letter of 13 June 1653. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

124. I. *Note of money paid to the Leopard's officers to bear their charges home; total* 480 *dollars.—Leghorn,* 20 *June* 1653. [½ *page.*]

June 20. Penrhyn. **125.** Wm. Wheatley to Mr. Masson. I sailed from Kinsale on 11th March, and have since taken four prizes, one of which laden with French wine was left at Kinsale, and the other three are in the harbour at Falmouth. One is a new ship of 300 tons with ballast, another has wool, iron, and skins, and 3,000*l.* in silver, and the last iron and wool, and a small parcel of money. There were no bills of lading for most of the money, which lay about in private places. Williams coming from London would not admit of time to give any relation, but got a warrant, and arrested me for 5,000*l.*, and kept me in prison, while he examined most of my company, and my own servant, and got them by bribery to swear against me. I was arrested on Wednesday the 15th inst., and he has never been to see me nor written me, though I shall gain him 10,000*l.*, and the course he intends to take will not leave me a groat. He still abuses me, and says that my friend at London, who introduced me to him, is a knave, and that he wishes he had never seen me. I did not think I had met with such a shuffling shark. Lieut. Bacon has gone in the prize to Kinsale. Mr. Reeve Williams has seized upon all the money that I and the company had. [1 *page.*]

ORDERS in the ADMIRALTY COMMITTEE.

June 20. **126.** Reference to the Navy Commissioners of a letter from the Generals, ordering them to inquire where the default lies, and to write to the victuallers to remedy it in future. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

126. I. *Generals at sea to the* [*Admiralty Committee*]. *There is great complaint of stinking beer, and of salt beer which causes sickness, and of smallness of the meat in the ships that came with Gen. Blake from London, and others from Yarmouth; also of mouldy bread from Hull. We have written to Major Bourne to have an eye on the victualler at Yarmouth.—The Resolution, at anchor off the Texel,* 16 *June* 1653. [⅓ *page.*]

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127. That the Navy Commissioners order the victuallers to send away 500 tuns of water to the fleet, take up vessels to carry it, and send an agent to see them lade and fall down to the Hope. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

128. That the said Commissioners examine the mutineers in Capt. Badiley's squadron lately come from the Straits, and stop their wages till further order. [$\frac{1}{8}$ *page.*]

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4. Richard Best, merchant of London, to have liberty out of the Dutch prisoners to make choice of six or eight seamen to be put on board the Three Brothers, John Skinner master, bound for Newfoundland.

5. Order on petition of Anne, relict of Capt. Robert Holland, that 50*l.* be paid her out of Goldsmiths' Hall, and the rest of the 300*l.* odd demanded by her charged upon Irish lands, and a warrant issued to the Commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall to pay her the 50*l.*

6. The petition of Thos. Wansey, Lieutenant of Hurst Castle, co. Hants, referred to the Army Committee, to prepare a warrant to the same effect with that which was lost, with a *Non obstante* upon the former, and that Capt. Deane be sent unto to prepare it.

7. The petition of Anthony Wills referred to the Navy Commissioners, to examine the truth of his certificate, and whether he has received any allowance from the State.

8, 9. The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, and the judges, to be invited to the interment of the body of Gen. Deane, which is to be brought from Greenwich. In order thereunto, the barges will be ready at the Tower betwixt 12 and 1 on Friday next, and the corpse will be landed at Westminster Bridge at 7 o'clock.

10. The petition of George Auton, of London, gent., referred to the judges for probate of wills, to examine and report.

11. The Council to declare that the instructions now passed, constituting Henry Broad and others a Committee for taking the accounts of the commonwealth, continue in force for a year from the present date, and no longer.

12. The Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal to come to Council at 9 a.m. to-morrow, and to bring the Great Seal with them. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 370–374.]

June 21. Whitehall. Instructions for Hen. Broad, Wm. Jessop, Mr. Maddison, John Mayingstone, James Freeze, Nich. Bond, and Rich. Wilcox.

The Council of State having constituted you a Committee for taking the accounts of all who have received money or goods of the commonwealth, you are to act according to the instructions following, first taking the underwritten oath:—

I, *A.B.* do swear that according to my best skill and knowledge, I shall faithfully and truly demean myself in taking the accounts of all such persons as shall come before me in the execution of the

June 21. power and authority given me, and that I shall not for fear, favour, reward, or affection, give any allowance to conceal, spare, or discharge any persons whatsoever, nor wittingly or causelessly molest or trouble any person to his prejudice or vexation, under colour of the authority committed to me.

So help me God.

(1.) You are hereby authorised to send for all books of accounts, writings, vouchers, inventories, appraisements, rentals, and all other evidences and papers whatsoever that relate to the public accounts, in the hands of any former Committee or officers for taking accounts, or other persons.

(2.) You are hereby authorised (notwithstanding any exceptions of any persons whatsoever by virtue of any Act, ordinance, or order of Parliament), to call before you any persons that are accountable, and require them to give an exact account of all moneys or goods received by them since Nov. 3rd, 1640, which have been levied by authority of Parliament, or by pretence of the same, for which they remain accountable according to the exception in the Act of general pardon.

(3.) You are to receive in no account but what shall be upon oath, for which purpose you are hereby authorised to administer to all people accountable the oath following:—

I, *A.B.* do swear that I shall, according to the best of my knowledge, give in to this Committee a true and just account of all the money or other goods by me or my deputies received or issued out, levied or taken, by virtue of any Act of Parliament, order, or ordinance of one or both Houses, or by pretence of any such, or by any public authority of the commonwealth for which I am in any way chargeable, without any fraud or concealment whatsoever.

So help me God.

(4.) Whereas it is ordered that any persons in or about London and Westminster, who find themselves chargeable to the commonwealth, shall within two months deliver you a true account of what they are chargeable with, fairly written and subscribed with their names, unless you allow a further time, you are authorised, if any persons desire a longer time, and show good reason for the same, to grant it. If any person has duly passed his accounts, and received his discharge from Parliament or other persons authorised thereunto, it shall be sufficient for him to bring in to you his discharge, which you are to take notice of and register.

(5.) You are to appoint the manner of taking all accounts, and examine on oath the persons accountable, or any witnesses or others that can testify anything material, and send to any persons you think fit, and cause them to produce any books or papers touching the premises. And if any persons in whose house or custody any such writings are supposed to be refuse to produce them or to appear before you, or otherwise disobey your orders, you are to issue your warrant for their apprehending, and to punish them by fine and imprisonment, and to cause any doors, locks, or chests to be opened, whereby search may be made for any such things.

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(6.) Upon the producing before you all vouchers, acquittances, and what else the accountant is able to show, by way of discharge upon his account, the same being by you approved, you are to pass such accounts, keeping the vouchers with the accounts. And the accounts being so cleared, and what is due to the commonwealth paid, you are to give a full and absolute discharge under your hands and seals, which shall hereafter be valid to all purposes whatsoever, provided that if within a year any surcharge be brought on behalf of the commonwealth, it be admitted.

(7.) If any persons be found in arrears upon any accounts, you are to require them immediately to pay in to such places as you shall appoint all such arrears, or to give security for payment of the same within 40 days after demand.

If any persons neglect or refuse to pay, you are to commit them to such prisons as you think fit, there to remain without bail or main prize, until they pay or give security for payment.

In case any persons are so committed that have a visible estate to discharge the same, and remain in prison, and delay or refuse to pay, you are authorised to seize and sell the estate, real and personal, as is usual in the case of bankrupts, and to enrol the sale by deed in the Court of Chancery, which shall be good and effectual in law against the said parties found in arrears, or any claiming by, from, or under them.

(8.) In case any persons accountable be deceased, you are to cause their accounts to be prosecuted by their heirs, executors, or administrators.

(9.) If any persons have notoriously defrauded, you are to return their names to Council, so that exemplary punishment may be inflicted.

(10.) If any have delivered in an account to any former Committee or other persons authorised by Parliament, and have not received a discharge, you are to consider of the account, and if you find it just and true, give a full discharge.

(11.) You are to make choice of clerks, registrars, and other agents and ministers, and to allow them fit salaries, first presenting their names and the salaries appointed to Council, for their approbation.

(12.) You are to administer an oath of fidelity (given) to every person employed under you.

(13.) If any accountant to whom there was no allowance formerly settled by Act of Parliament demand an allowance for his charges and pains, you are authorised to make such as you think fit, not exceeding a penny for every pound received.

(14.) You are to give liberty to any person desiring it to receive a transcript or extract of any account, he paying the clerk for writing 2*d.* a sheet, each sheet containing 12 lines, and each line 10 words.

(15.) You are, for satisfaction of the people, to cause the whole accounts, or so much of them as you shall judge needful, to be printed and published.

(16.) If any person discover any money or goods belonging to the commonwealth that are concealed, in case the discoverer have any debt owing to him from the commonwealth, you are authorised to allow him half the money or goods discovered, towards payment of the

debt. And if he have no debt owing to him, you are to allow him one-fifth of his discovery.

(17.) If any, under pretence of making a discovery of money or goods concealed, causelessly disquiet any persons, you are authorised to punish them by fine or otherwise, as you judge suitable to the sufferings of the parties aggrieved.

(18.) Whereas it will be both for the ease and satisfaction of the people and despatch of this affair that Sub-Committees be appointed, you are authorised, in every county, city, or town corporate not included within the general assize of the county, to nominate nine persons of whose fitness and good affection you are satisfied, to be a Sub-Committee for taking the accounts of their particular county, city, or town. And you are to give them necessary powers and instructions therefor, and you are to take care that the justices of peace administer an oath of fidelity (given).

(19.) You are to send for all or so much of the proceedings and accounts taken by the Sub-Committees, with the evidences and vouchers, as you shall think fit.

(20.) If any persons finding themselves aggrieved by the Sub-Committees appeal unto you, you are to hear and determine all such appeals, and relieve the parties aggrieved, or give damages upon any unjust appeal. But in case any persons, either in adjudging the said appeals, or in any other particular relating to taking and determining of their accounts before you, find themselves aggrieved, they have liberty to appeal to the supreme authority or such as they shall appoint, where the matters will be fully heard, and determination given agreeable to justice.

(21.) You are authorised to require all mayors, sheriffs, bailiffs, justices of peace, constables, or other officers whatsoever, to aid you in executing these and any other instructions given you in this service.

(22.) If you find anything necessary for the effectual prosecution thereof wherein you want power or direction, you are to represent the same to the supreme authority, that orders may be given therein. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 375–386.]

June 21. Portsmouth. **129.** Col. Nath. Whetham, Governor of Portsmouth, to the Admiralty Committee. I wish, and my officers and the Mayor and aldermen beg, that you will procure power from the Council of State to the Mayor, effectually to carry out the paving and cleansing of the town, so as to avoid the dangerous and desperate diseases occasioned by its filthy state, of which you were too sensible when you were at this place. There are many refractory persons who not only refuse to contribute towards the charge, but stand out in opposition to it. The town is now in a sad condition with sickness, which is a great discouragement to those pressed hither for the navy's work, many of whom have lately died, and others are now sick. [1 *page.*]

June 21. The Reserve, in the Swinn. **130.** Capt. Robert Clarke to the Admiralty Committee. I have 14 sail of victuallers, two hoys, and one ketch laden with powder and shot for the fleet. The masters complain of the danger of riding

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in this open road if it should blow. I wait orders, but I think Balsey Road in the Rolling grounds a safer place, and we could be with the fleet in two tides, if it came this way. Last night a Holland man-of-war passed with white colours, with their Ambassadors to treat for peace; in answer to a letter from the Lord General, I sent to know if they had any pass; they acknowledged that they had none, and said that God had laid a judgment upon them for their sins. I should have detained them until further orders, but was ready to sail with my convoy. [⅔ *page.*]

June 21. The Marigold, Downs. **131.** Capt. Hump. Felstead to the Navy Commissioners. We arrived at Galway with our convoys on 14 April, and while staying for convoys back, they were all taken up by order of the Lord General of Ireland, and me also, to convoy some tories to Flanders, who were and are a great charge to that country, lying there from 14 April until 8 June. They could not procure money to pay their freight according to their capitulations, nor give any security, whereupon the ships were cleared. Some other ships having arrived with provisions for Galway, we convoyed them back to the Downs after they were cleared.

We met a French ship in the Channel, which reports that there are 40 Dutch sail riding at St. Martin's which came from Rochelle. I wait an order to revictual. [1 *page.*]

June 22. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Richard Hutchinson, navy treasurer, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider and report.

2. Order on petition of Nath. Hawes & Company, that Mr. Thurloe bring into Council the state of the business.

3. The petition of Ralph Watts and others referred to the Excise Committee.

5. Mr. Thurloe to confer with Mr. Bacon to know what is due to him for his salary whilst he sat as one of the Admiralty Judges, and to give an order for a warrant on the Commissioners for Customs for payment.

6. Council to give audience to the deputies from the United Provinces at 5 p.m.; Fleming to give them notice.

7. An order to be sent to Judge Bulstrode to forbear the going the circuit of cos. Carnarvon, Merioneth, and Anglesea.

9. The petition of the Scotch officers now prisoners at York referred to the Committee for Prisoners.

10. The Navy Committee to make the usual allowance to Mary Jones, widow.

12. To answer the petition of John and Edward Bushell and others, that the Commissioners of Customs are already in a position to relieve them, if their case be as is alleged.

13. The petition of Richard Orum and Robert Quellin referred to the Excise Commissioners, to take up the matters which are in difference between the petitioners and themselves, if they can, or otherwise to state the matter of fact and report.

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14, 15. The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal and the rest of the judges, to be invited to meet Council next Friday in the Star Chamber, between 4 and 5 p.m., in order to accompany the body of Gen. Deane to its interment at Westminster.

16. To send to Mr. Sterry and Mr. Lockier to come to Council at 8 a.m. to-morrow in the chapel in Whitehall, to be there assistant in the duty of returning thanks and praise to the Lord for His great mercy in giving the late seasonable victory to the fleet of this commonwealth against the Dutch fleet.

17. The petition and papers of Richard Hutchinson referred to Col. Jones, Mr. Strickland, and Mr. Moyer, who are to confer with the Admiralty Commissioners concerning what is therein desired, and report.

18. The letter from Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

20, 21. To write Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth that he is to despatch forth the Raven, Charity, and Summer, and order them to ply in the Narrow, and that Council have ordered the Phœnix and Constant Warwick to come to them and ply also in that place; also to write to the commanders of the Phœnix and Constant Warwick accordingly.

23. The petition of Lawrence Devose and Peter de Woolfe, also that of Capt. Mason, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to hear the whole business and report.

24. That of Wm. Philips referred to the Haberdashers' Hall Committee, to examine what proceedings have been in the business, and to state them and report.

25. Council having taken into consideration the regulating of the hospitals of Ely House and the Savoy, order that all persons formerly employed in the service, and that receive pay or diet as pensioners or patients in the hospitals, be, during the time of their continuance in pay or under cure, liable to the court-martial of the army, there to receive trial and be judged according to the articles of war, as other officers and soldiers of the army are; their punishments not extending to life or limb, but in such cases to be left to the common law.

26. The part of the report of the 11th inst. from the Committee for regulating those hospitals, concerning the dying of soldiers under cure, re-committed.

27. The several treasurers charged with moneys for the management of those hospitals to pay them to John Bracey, who is appointed sole treasurer.

28. Order on petition of several members of a church congregated in Sarum,—that the allowance given to the ministers of Thomas and Martin's parishes may be continued to Mr. Eyres and Mr. Troughton, ministers of the said parishes,—that the trustees continue the allowances till further order.

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29. The papers brought in to Council which were depending before the late Parliament, and contained in a report of Lord Mansfield's case, referred to Col. Jones, Col. Bennet, Mr. Moyer, and Mr. Scobell, to examine them and report.

30. The trustees for estates forfeited for treason, sitting at Drury House, to settle on the widow and children of Rich. Deane, Esq., late one of the Generals of the fleet, lands to the value of 600*l.* a year out of the estate of Charles Gerard, of Halsall, Lancashire; and in case the estate be not worth so much, the remainder of the 600*l.* may be made up out of the estate of Chris. Anderton, of Clayton, or John Greenhaw, both co. Lancaster. The Commissioners for compounding to be required to take off the sequestration from so much of the said estates as shall be appointed in satisfaction of the 600*l.* [*I.* 69, *pp.* 389–395.]

June 22. Council of State to the Commissioners of Customs. The Guinea Company have presented a petition for liberty to import some old sheets which they bought in the 17 provinces for their trade, and also the discharge of others value 1,000*l.* imported by them and seized by the officers of customs, on pretence of being contrary to the Navigation Act, and for which they are now in suit in the Exchequer. You are to free the said sheets, and give the company liberty in future to import such goods as they carry out to Guinea, but no more. [*I.* 69, *p.* 396.]

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Cadiz.

132. James Wilson to the Admiralty Committee. Four days since 13 Dutch merchant ships arrived here from the Straits, under convoy of two men-of-war, three of which are very richly laden, the rest small; 14 of their best men-of-war are at Formentera, intending for the Straits' mouth, and if they lie there, they will debar this place and Malaga from all commerce. I am daily troubled with poor mariners from the Levant, turned out of Hamburghers, who have given them their passage thus far. The galleons will be here next month. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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Whitehall.

133. Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners. We have received your complaint of the neglect of the officers of the ships and instruments in not attending to their duties in the yards. We issued warrants but lately ordering attendance, but as they have not had the desired effect, we wish you to charge the clerks of the check to give you a daily account what officers are on board, and what are absent, and you are to certify it to us. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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London.

134. Theodorus to Lord Conway. Our late great victory over the Hollanders has reduced those boorish people to a little good manners, and wrought this good effect upon them, that one Beyerlyncke, a messenger envoy from them (and precursor to Lord Nieuport and others daily expected), came to London last Friday, carrying a white flag on the top of his pinnace all along up the Thames. His chief errand, as to the bulky body of the treaty itself, is to

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prepare us upon these two heads, viz., reciprocal satisfaction for damages received, and reciprocal caution or security to be given for making an irrefragable amity. I hear that our late hostile divisions has made the breach too wide to be closed in haste, and therefore *hic labor, hoc opus*, &c.

Legislative John Lilburne has almost brought his neck into a noose, for being weary of his exilement by the late Parliament, he about a month since sent his wife over to petition for leave to return, which she could not obtain; and he being impatient of delay, ventured over from Calais last Tuesday, and the next day was secured by warrant from the Lord General and his Council of Duodecemivrs. The Lord Mayor secured him in Sheriff Underwood's house, who *virtute officii*, carried him before the Lord General and Council, and they sent him that evening to Newgate, and charged the Attorney-General (for all his petitioning) to proceed against him according to the Act for his banishment. The substance thereof amounts to this; that if, after the date of the said Act, he be found within any of our dominions, he shall be apprehended, and die without mercy as a felon; so that there needs no further trial or legal proceedings. And truly my Lord General's intended government of this commonwealth for the future, and Lilburne's turbulent restless spirit, seem to be altogether incompatable. Nay, I hear some of his letters written while in exile have been intercepted, which, if he were to come to another trial, would be highly urged against him.

We will not be seen to aid the rebels of Bordeaux against their lawful sovereign, but if their deputies here can hire any of our men and ships, they will have free leave so to do. I hear the Duke of Buckingham is now at Calais, ready to come over, Lord Fairfax, whose sole daughter and heir he is to marry, having made his peace, and way for his safe return.

The King of Spain convened all the owners of the 300,000*l.* in bullion, which we took as prize at sea, and wherein he himself had the greatest share, and the result of the meeting was that they agreed to lend it to the States of England, but upon what terms I have not heard.

P.S.—The "Reasons why the supreme, &c." are all sold. As I could not buy the play of the Two Noble Kinsmen under 2*s.*, I wait further order. This is the day of public thanksgiving throughout this city for the victory over the Dutch at sea, and therefore their four Ambassadors came very seasonably last Tuesday, to see it so solemnly kept; but five of their men-of-war have taken on our seas three of our Canary ships, laden with wine, and carried them to France. [1 *page.*]

June 24. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Jones to be President of the Council till July 4th.

2. The pass of the Earl of Clanrickard continued for two months longer, according to such form as heretofore.

4. The certificate from Chichester, concerning the care of Edmund

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Whicher, surgeon, in curing Dutch prisoners there, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **135.**]

5. Order on petition of Matthew Holworthy and Benjamin Whitcombe, that licence be granted them to import from Toulon 300 tuns of currants in an English or any other ship.

6. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Portuguese Ambassador at 10 a.m. to-morrow; Fleming to give him notice.

7. To write to the bailiffs of Yarmouth and Major Bourne to enclose them the information given in concerning—— and to desire them to examine him, and if they find it to be as is stated, to cause the ship taken to be restored, and the captain sent up in safe custody, together with the examination.

9. The order for the going of the Earl of Rothes into Scotland revoked, and he to remain in England till further order.

11. An allowance of 200*l.* a year to be made to Mr. Pell, as a salary for being mathematical lecturer, and paid out of Council's contingencies quarterly, and 50*l.* to be paid him in advance.

12. Col. Stapley and Col. Bennet to consider of a fit place for the habitation of Mr. Pell, where he may read his mathematical lecture.

13. Maj.-Gen. Desborough and Mr. Moyer to speak with the treasury inspectors to find a sum to satisfy warrants drawn on the late Council's contingencies, and to carry on the public service.

14. The Commissioners of Customs and Excise to pay to Mr. Frost for Council the moneys in their hands for the growing salaries of Col. Geo. Thompson and Maurice Thompson. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **136.**]

17. Capt. Clerke's letter from Guernsey of 12 June referred to the Ordnance Committee. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 397–401.]

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Ipswich.

137. Rich. Popplett and Nich. Philips, bailiffs of Ipswich, to the Council of State. We send our account of money expended in providing for 80 sick and wounded seamen who arrived here on the 10th, in sad condition. It amounted to 141*l.* 18*s.* 3½*d.*, which we have charged by bill on Rich. Hutchinson, navy treasurer, and hope it will be paid. We have been as frugal as we can, but the men were very sick and very bare of clothes. [¾ *page.*]

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The Elizabeth, Tilbury Hope.

138. Capt. Christ. Myng to the Navy Commissioners. Five seamen coming on board to visit their acquaintances of the St. Augustine prize, I pressed four of them, and sent the boat on board with one of my men and my own pinnace to show Mr. Plumpton, her commander, my warrant, and ask if he had any authority to keep his men from impress. He would not show any, but detains my men and pinnace. I only pressed four men out of his 40. I desire that some course may be taken for resenting such insolence, otherwise our endeavours will be vain. [⅔ *page.*]

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Exeter.

139. Capt. Rich. Mill to Rob. Blackborne. I want the release of some able seamen in the gaols of Devon and Cornwall who were

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apprehended, some on suspicion of being pirates, and others for not taking the press money from press-masters employed before me. I have sent up 50 men, and have 100 more; I wish the Lily had orders to fetch them. The captain wrote me that they were like to be cast away with the money, but now I think it is landed in Scilly. If what Fras. Willoughby states was true, I should not be worthy to live. I wrote about some men that came home into the west with forged tickets, and sent them back; he said they were false and not by him, but rails against me. I am going to Weymouth, but the men now impressed must be shipped at Dartmouth. [¾ *page.*]

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2. John King to be continued in his lodgings at Whitehall till further order, and so much to be signified to the Committee for Whitehall.

3. The petition of John King referred to Maj.-Gen. Harrison and Col. Stapley, to report.

4. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider whether it will be necessary to continue two clerks under Mr. Rowe, and what shall be allowed them, and to report.

5. To write to thank the Governor and Mayor of Portsmouth for their care in cleansing Portsmouth, and to desire them to continue the same, as Council expects that the rules formerly given concerning keeping that place clean be duly observed.

6. The propositions of James Lidsey referred to the Ordnance Committee, who, with the Admiralty Committee, are to consider the same, and whether for effecting what is propounded, some part of the contracts made with Mr. Folio and Mr. Powell may not be taken off, and to report.

7. To write to the Generals of the fleet that Council have thought fit, for the keeping of the Narrow seas from being infested by Dutch freebooters, to appoint three ships to ply there, that they have appointed the Phœnix and Constant Warwick to join with them, and to expect further orders from them; also that they have ordered the Bryer, Plover, and James to go to Leith, to perform such service as Col. Lilburne shall appoint; also that care will be taken for making them all necessary supplies, to encourage them in their service.

8. Order on petition of Jane, widow of Col. Francis Rowe, to desire the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall to continue till further order her allowance of 20*s.* a week.

10. The letter from the Irish and Scotch Committee, for erecting a common hall in Jersey for the sale of wools, and allowing a company to supply the manufacture there, to be signed and sent.

11. To write to the Governor of Jersey, Michael Lemprière, and Major Wm. Harding to examine the petition, allegations, and grievances of Joshua Carteret, do him justice, and afford him such relief as they find equitable.

12. The State's part of the 1,500*l.* in gold forfeited to the commonwealth, being found aboard a ship at Dover to be transported beyond the seas without licence, to be paid to Mr. Frost for Council's

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contingencies, and a warrant to be issued to the Commissioners of Customs to that purpose.

13. To order Lieut.-Col. Kelsey to bring in the order or warrant issued for paying 4,000*l.* to the use of Dover pier.

14. The letter from the bailiffs of Ipswich, with the account of disbursements for sick and wounded seamen, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to take care that what has been expended be reimbursed them. [*Also Vol. XXXVIII., No.* **140.**]

15. The petition of Anne, widow of Col. George Cook, Governor of Wexford, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to take a view of the order of Parliament therein mentioned, confer with Mrs. Cooke, and report.

16. That of Alice Lady Philips, on behalf of the orphans of Capt. Wm. Parsons, deceased, her grandchildren, referred to the Commissioners for compounding, to take a view of the order of Parliament, and report.

17. That of Katherine, wife of Wm. Moffett, late vicar of Edmonton, Middlesex, with the order of the Committee for plundered ministers of Dec. 17, 1651, referred to the two nearest justices of peace, to provide according to the direction of the said order.

18. That of Dorothy Witherings referred to the Committee for the posts, to consider whether any allowance, and what, is fit to be made her. [*Also Vol. XXXVIII., No.* **140***a.*]

19. Liberty to be given to the following preachers, to preach every Friday in the week at Rattlesden in Suffolk, viz.:—

Mr. Francke of Thetford,
Mr. Horbergham of Sylham,
Mr. Petto of Sancroft,
Mr. Benton of Russall,
Mr. King of Debenham,
Mr. Woodall of Woodbridge,
Mr. James of Needham,
Mr. Holborough of Baxfordty,
Mr. Asty of Stratford,
Mr. Stoneham of Ipswich,
Mr. Crossman of Sudbury,
Mr. Burket of Hitcham,
Mr. Tates of Sudbury,
Mr. Rayner of Oakley,
Mr. Barker of Eye.

20. To write to the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland, that Council, before they take any resolution on the petition enclosed of Miles Fletcher and others, transmit the same to them, desiring them to inquire into the nature of the mines mentioned therein, what of them are opened and what not, with such other circumstances as may enable them to judge what profit the State is to insist upon, and upon what terms it is fit to grant the same; and to certify the particulars thereof, with their opinions, to Council or the supreme authority.

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27. To write to the Excise Commissioners to cancel and deliver up the bond entered into by John Tooker, agent for the town of Barnstaple, he paying in the 45*l.* remaining due on his contract, or what further sum he received of the arrears belonging to the State.

29. To write to the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal to nominate a fit person to try Wm. Balthazar in Guildhall, on 20 Sept. next, or at such other time and place as on advice with the Attorney-General they see fittest, and to write to the Attorney to prosecute the said trial.

30, 31. Order on report of the Irish and Scotch Committee of the 14th inst., on the petition of Richard Yates, fishmonger, that in respect of the 45*l.* 14*s.* long owing to him from the State, for fish for Wm. Coles' regiment in Ireland, he be fully discharged of the 48*l.* by him owing to the Collectors for Prize Goods, for decayed fish by them sold to him on the State's behalf; and the said collectors are hereby appointed to discharge him, and he is to discharge the State of the 45*l.* 10*s.* due to him; the Irish and Scotch Committee to see this order put in execution. [*I* 69, *pp.* 403–412.]

June 25. Council of State to Charles Merrett, receiver of the public revenue in Jersey. By order of the late Council of State, you were to give in your accounts, and pay over the money in hand to Capt. Hen. Hatsell, who by bill of exchange has drawn 500*l.* to be paid by order of Council for Scilly garrison, and other bills for further sums, which you are to pay. You were also directed to pay the salaries of the civil officers of the island till further order. You are therefore to pay to Mich. Lemprière, bailiff, the salary allowed ever since the reduction of the island. You are also to pay to Major Wm. Harding 55*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, in addition to 22*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* already paid, for repairs of Mont Orgueil Castle. But hereafter, you are not to pay any monies without order of the Council of State, or of the supreme authority. [*I.* 69, *p.* 410. *This order emanated from the Irish and Scotch Committee. See I.* 69, *p.* 405.]

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Whitehall.

141. Council of State to the Committee for Indemnity. Margaret, widow of Sir Edw. Hungerford, and Sir Nevill Poole represent that in 1644, 500*l.* was borrowed of — Aldsworth, co. Wilts, for service of Parliament under Col. Ludlow, on bond of Sir John Danvers and Mr. Audely, with Sir Edw. Hungerford and Sir Nevill Poole as contra security, on promise of no prejudice; they being sued to outlawry for the debt, petitioned Parliament, who referred them to the Council of State to stop the suit, and ordered the money to be paid by the Sequestration Commissioners of co. Wilts. But those monies being then ordered to be sent direct from the tenants to Goldsmiths' Hall, never came into the hands of that Committee. Aldsworth petitioned thereon for taking off the indemnity, but it was continued three months longer, during which the parties were to appeal to Parliament, who decided that the debt should be paid by the State, but Parliament was dissolved before payment. We have

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referred the parties to the present Parliament, but lest in the interim they should be inconvenienced, we wish you to stay proceedings at law for six months further. [1⅔ *pages.*]

June 25. Poole. **142.** Capt. Dan Johnson to the Commissioners of Customs. I was glad to hear from you, we having such various flying reports of changes. I have sent up our quarterly accounts, and the year's book will speedily follow, and I will pay in the balance, which is inconsiderable, as there is not a vessel now employed in this port. I do not know when I shall receive a penny. I have received an application from Col. Heane, Governor of Jersey, testifying the poverty of the owners of the wools lately seized and appraized in the Exchequer. He says if the islanders have not wool to work, they must beg their bread, and he requests its return.

On the evening of the 20th instant, God was pleased to show his wonders from out of the clouds, by causing them to drop and rain down some quantities of blood, both upon people and divers gardens in this town. I saw above 30 of the drops myself, upon aprons and earthen vessels that stood out of doors, and on leaves of trees. [1 *page.*]

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1, 10. The petition of Col. Anthony Buller, with the papers annexed; and the petition of Nich. Devereux, Emanuel Neale, and others, to be recommended to the supreme power, to consider as soon as they can.

2. To write to the commanders of the Lily, Hopeful pink, and Little President, that by reason of their not keeping the sea and plying carefully up and down in the Severn, several vessels have been there taken, to the great prejudice of the inhabitants of those parts; and to desire them to be more careful in future, and to observe the directions of the Governor of Scilly, provided they be not contrary to those received from the Generals of the fleet.

3. To write to the Governor of Scilly to the same effect, and desiring him to do his best to give knowledge of the motion of the French pirates or any others, and to give notice thereof to the said ships, with such directions as he thinks fit.

4. To write the mayors of Barnstaple and Bideford that Council have read their petition, and are very sensible of their sufferings by piracies, and have thereupon written to the commanders of the frigates appointed for the guard of those parts to require their better vigilance, and also have written to the Governor of Scilly that he is to use his best means to gain knowledge of the enemy's motions, and to give notice thereof to the commanders of the vessels appointed to their guard.

5, 6. Dr. Walker to come to Council at 6 p.m., and Col. Bennet and Mr. Moyer to confer with him.

8. The letter from Norwich of the 20th instant, with the annexed account of gunpowder taken up there by Scoutmaster-Gen. Downing by order, for the use of the fleet in the late engagement at sea,

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referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to send for and confer with Downing, and to state what debt is due for the powder, and report.

11. The lodgings late Sir Harry Vane's appointed for Col. Mansell and James Philips, the Council for Whitehall to put them in possession.

13. The petition of the widows and wives of divers mariners who suffered by the King of Portugal in 1649 referred to Dr. Walker, to certify the state of the business.

14. The petition of Lady Alice Dudley referred to the Committee for Obstructions, to hear and determine the matter mentioned according to the powers given them.

17. That of Daniel Wilkin, minister at Ampthill and Milbrook, co. Bedford, referred to the justices of peace for the county, to settle the matter in difference according to law.

18. Dr. Walker to prosecute the appeal in the court of delegates on behalf of the commonwealth.

19. The petition of Mary Lewes referred to the Commissioners of Trinity House to report. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 413–418.]

June 27. Council of State to the Commissioners of Customs. Council having considered what great occasion there is for the expense of hemp, pitch, tar, cordage, rosin, deal boards, and masts, and the difficulties now existing of obtaining them from the places of their growth, according to the Act of Parliament for increase of shipping, has thought fit, on that account, to leave it free to all persons to import the above articles in any ship and from any port, without the penalty imposed by the said Act. You are to take notice thereof and permit the same accordingly. [*I.* 69, *p.* 419.]

June 27.
Leghorn.

143. Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. A Dutch ship, which has come from Valencia in 15 days, reports that the Venice ships had then arrived at Alicant, and that there were three Dutch merchantmen who held close under the castles, to prevent any attempt our ships should make upon them. I am glad there is such a shelter there, for our ships are likely to be driven to the same shift. This ship met the Dutch fleet from Leghorn which lately departed hence, of 28 sail including eight merchant ships, 20 leagues from Alicant. As I was told that a fleet was designed for the Straits, it was fit the Venice ships should call at Alicant to meet them, and receive orders for their future government; if this be missing, it is hoped they will make a virtue of necessity, and consult together with Mr. Bence what course is best to steer homewards, to avoid the greatest danger.

There are advices from all parts of Spain and Italy that the Dutch merchant ships are called home, which is a certain sign they are driven to some necessity. The Harry Bonadventure, a merchant ship taken up by me for the service off Cape Spartavento, has taken a Dutch ship from Venice, laden with currants, quicksilver, glass, aniseed, &c. to the value of 20,000*l.*, and carried her to Messina; but

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whether the captain has done well or ill in neglecting his orders to meet the Venice ships at Tunis, and accompany them, I leave to you. Capt. Swanley has sold one corn prize already, and it is likely he may sell this likewise at Messina, without giving account to any, except you take some strict course herein, for he slights what orders I give him, and my commission does not authorise me to take any prize ships or goods into my power, or to call any captain in the service to account in any such business. The 50 barrels of powder I bought for the service of your unhappy ships, and laid on board a small English ship in this Mould belonging to Jno. Edge, and which were detained by him, I have obtained back by sentence of this Admiralty Court. With copy of his letter of the 20th June. [2 *pages.*]

June 27. **144.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that as the 90 supernumerary soldiers on the Ruby and Anne and Joyce, who are to go 50 to the Newcastle, and 40 to the Satisfaction, much need clothes, the Navy Commissioners take special care to put shirts, &c. aboard those ships for them, Capt. Wildey having notice thereof. Also to see that the Ruby frigate be speedily refitted. [1 *page.*]

June 27. York. **145.** Edw. Parker to his brother, Ralph Parker, at Bruges. I send this by Thos. Clarke, shipmaster of Hull, bound for Ostend. Something of my father's is kept from you, which in right should be yours, and you ought to share something, but we are both miserably wronged by a perfidious unconscionable step-mother, seeming (to give the fairer gloss to her deceitful dealings) to make my father die a beggar, having swallowed up all his estate in obscurity. I contented myself (seeing I was fallen so much into her courtesy, and those of my friends so backward in advising me) to acquit her of all demands by me from her, she letting me quietly enjoy such old household goods as were left her in York, which I got appraised at 35*l.* I am afraid I shall be called upon to give an account, being informed there is some inquiry after my father's estate. I know he was too ready to engage for his friends, and am afraid his family will have cause to repent it. His wife lives at Ripon, and is again going to get married. I wish her one who may acquaint the world with her subtle dealing.

My cousin Lowde informed me of some employment that might be found for you by Mr. Corney in England; I find, upon inquiry, that Corney is only a surveyor of delinquents' lands, but has got a very great estate together, and has lately married to great fortune, so that I think nothing can be looked for from thence. If my dogged uncle pleased, he might be the cause of your preferment, but he is a man very impatient. God grant we may never stand, in need to him. I scarcely know what course to follow for a livelihood. I continue with Mrs. Beanes only for my diet, and such times were never known in England, trade being so much decayed that there is scarce one in 20 knows how to live. I am thinking you might be the cause of drawing some employment upon me, by directing me in some way of trading. Lead here sells at 9*l.* per fother, and butter at 15*s.* per firkin, and if I were in the way, I

could procure things at as easy a rate as any man. Mr. Wood, who married Mrs. Beane's daughter, lives with us; he trades to and from Flanders, and has returns which afford a great profit, but what I should do would be upon another's account, not being in a condition myself to manage anything, or to advance 40*l.* Pray remember me to my sister and write more often. [1¾ *pages.*]

June 28. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Maj.-Gen. Desborow, Col. Sydenham, Mr. Strickland, and Sir Gilbert Pickering, to be a Committee to send for Mr. Birkenhead and such others as they think fit, and examine them on information this day given in, and to take the same in writing. Also to take a view of such papers as are in Mr. Thurloe's hands, containing any such informations, and out of them to make a state of the whole business, and report; Mr. Thurloe to attend them with the papers.

2, 3. Mr. Frost to pay 750*l.* out of Council's contingencies towards the repair of Dover pier, and the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall to repay him out of the first moneys which shall arise on the order for 4,000*l.* for repairs of the pier.

4. Order on the report from the Judges of the Court for Probate of Wills, that Council agrees to what has been done by them in establishing the fees of that court, according to the list wherein they are particularly expressed, and allows the same.

5. Mr. Rushworth, Mr. Manby, and Mr. Sparrow to be a Committee to take the account from the several clerks of the Court for Probate of Wills of the fees and profits which have arisen from that court, and have been paid in since the time they were taken into the hands of the commonwealth to this time, and for the time to come, to take weekly account of the said fees and profits, and cause the money to be paid over into the hands of an appointed treasurer. Also to give discharge for moneys paid over by their order by any of the clerks of the said court to the person who shall be appointed treasurer.

6. The person who shall be appointed seal keeper to the Court for Probate of Wills to be also treasurer for the fees of that court, and to have a certain allowance for both employments. The judges of the court to nominate the person, and settle the allowance.

7. Power to be given to the said judges to pay the rent due for the house which has been used in London for that court, provided it be not for longer time than since the profits of the said court have been converted to the use of the commonwealth. Also to take care that some other convenient house in Westminster be provided for the keeping of the records of the said court, and wherein to settle the office belonging thereto.

8. Power given to Mr. Rushworth, Manby, and Sparrow to allow of the payment of incident charges in the removing of the place of sitting of the Probate Court, and such further charges as shall grow upon the removing of the office and records, and the fitting up of another house wherein to place the records, and to settle the office.

9. The Customs' Commissioners to cause the whole 1,500*l.* in gold,

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lately seized, going over into foreign parts, to be brought to Council.

10. 750*l.* in silver, in lieu of gold, to be paid on receipt of the said gold, to the discoverer.

11. Mr. Birkenhead to attend at 2 p.m. to-morrow a Committee of Council appointed to speak with him concerning matters of importance, and to give in the names of such other persons as are to be summoned to come before the said Committee.

12. To order the Lieutenant of the Tower to take charge of all money coined or that shall be coined out of the silver lately seized and carried into the Tower, and to keep the same till further order.

13. The Lieutenant of the Tower and Col. Bennet to appoint tellers of the new money, and to give them convenient allowance.

14. Lt.-Col. Salmon, Maj. Wigan, and Capt. Hatsell to make a thorough search in the Samson, Salvadore, and George; and for the manner of it, to receive directions from Cols. Jones and Bennet.

16. The petition of James Rand, apothecary of Ely House, referred to the governors of the hospitals, to examine, and report.

17. That of Hen. Coleman, minister, referred to Commissary-General Reynolds and Col. Clerke, to inquire into the merit of the petitioner, and certify.

18. 500*l.* a year to be settled on the Earl of Clanrickard and his heirs, in the province of Connaught, one of his houses there being part thereof, in consideration of the protection which he gave the Protestants in the time of the rebellion. An instruction therefor to the Commissioners in Ireland to be prepared for Council's approval.

19. 100*l.* from Council's contingencies to be paid to the said Earl for his present subsistence.

20. Col. Sydenham added to the Committee for the lands in Ireland; and the proposals from the Adventurers this day given in referred to the said Committee.

21. The lodgings and accommodations in Whitehall, late Mr. Gurdon's, to be given to Col. Sydenham, and this to be signified to the Whitehall Committee.

23. The petition from Jane New, with the certificate from Trinity House, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

24, 25. The paper now read in answer to the paper of the Lord Deputies from the United Provinces, approved, and to be translated into Latin, and delivered to them by Sir Gilbert Pickering, Maj. Gen. Harrison, Mr. Strickland, and Col. Sydenham appointed Commissioners therefor, who are to meet the deputies at 4 p.m. to-morrow at Whitehall; Fleming to give them notice.

26. 5*l.* to be given to Capt. Samuel Ward out of the contingencies, in consideration of his poverty, occasioned by his good affection to the public.

27. Major-General Desborow and Col. Tomlinson to bring in to-morrow the names of persons to be Commissioners in the Fen business.

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29. The petition of Tunis Harmans and Peter Harmans, of Emden, referred to the Committee for Irish and Scotch Affairs, to examine the business, and send for the persons complained of if they see cause.

30, 35. The petitions of Alice White, widow; and of Mary Burke, widow, referred to the said Committee.

31. To answer to the petition of the company lately belonging to the Falcon fly-boat, that satisfaction is to be given them in Scotland, in relation to the service mentioned; or a certificate to be produced of the truth of what they allege, and to make it appear they are to be paid here.

32, 33. The petition and papers of John Waterton, merchant of the Isle of Wight, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine, and report.

34. That of Charles Browne referred to the said Committee, to consider the petitioner's condition, and what is fit to be done for him.

36. To answer to the petition of the new undertakers for the postage of letters, that Council has ordered the business to be managed by some persons by them nominated for that purpose, and has left the whole dispose of the same unto them.

37. The Army Committee to pay to Mary, widow of Major John Burton, 277*l.* from the arrears of the composition for North Wales, being part of what was lent by him on an ordinance of Parliament of 20 February 1644, for raising moneys to reduce North Wales.

38. Order for a warrant to David Ramage, minter of the Tower, to print for Thos. Bushell 500 or more medals of gold or silver, having on one side the picture of Lord Chancellor Bacon, and on the other, the sculpture of a miner.

39. The petition of John Holden, Philip Shipton, Nicholas Holden, and Simon Rogers referred to the Court of Aldermen of London, to deal with it according to law.

40. Order on petition of Elias Nicholls, mariner of Jersey, that he prove to Council the quantity of the wool therein mentioned, and that it was for the advantage of the poor in Jersey.

41. Order on petition of Anne, wife of Wm. Coney, that one-fifth of her jointure be allowed to her during her husband's life, and her whole jointure after his decease.

42. To answer to the petition of the inhabitants of Guernsey, that Council does not think fit to give any order thereon, the Admiralty Court having power to relieve all such as are unjustly molested by any that have commissions for private men-of-war.

44. The petition of Richard Latee referred to Col. James Heane, Governor of Jersey, to determine according to justice.

45. That of Adrian Janesen, late captain of the Neptune, referred to the Committee for Prisoners.

46. To answer to the petition of Katherine, wife of James Polixfen, and Lettice Cooke, that allowance being formerly given for transporting persons into Ireland, Council does not think fit to give any order thereupon.

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47. To answer the petition of Hen. Turner that Council can do nothing good.

48. The petition of Thos. Kercher and Wm. Saville referred to the Excise Committee, to do therein as may be for the best advantage of the commonwealth, and according to justice.

49. That part of the petition of the masters of several ships destroyed by the King of Denmark desiring employment in the service, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

50. Order on petition of Ellinor Alcock, that she be left free to take her course at law against Col. John Humphries for the debt mentioned.

55. To enclose to the Commissioners in Ireland the petition of Miles Fleetwood, &c., and desire them to inquire into the nature of the mines mentioned, and on what terms they may be granted, and send an account to Council, or the supreme authority. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 421–433, 439.]

June 28. Whitehall. Commission to Sir John Hubbart, Sir Ralph Hare, John Gourdon, Sam. Moody, Thos. Hatcher, Jas. Berry, Talbot Pepys, Thos. Bendish, Rob. Brewster, Thos. Ducket, John Cleypoole, Rob. Vintner, sen., Tristram Dymond, Dr. Rich. Stanes, Hen. Ferrour, Jos. Eversden, Capt. Moyses, Rich. Tymbs, Dr. Syncotts, Rob. Robson, — Barber, of Denver, and — Life, of Downham, to be a Sub-Committee on the business of the fens.

By the Act for draining the great level of the fens, in cos. Northampton, Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincoln, Cambridge, Hunts, and the Isle of Ely, Commissioners were appointed who, when 30,000 acres or more were drained, were to meet, see that they were so drained, and assign them to William Earl of Bedford, Edw. Russell, Rob. Henley, and Rob. Castle, on trust, towards the 95,000 acres set forth to them. This they have accordingly done, and delivered possession of the 95,000 acres. By the said Act, the term of three years was limited for the said Commissioners to give relief in individual cases, but it will not be possible for them, in that time, to hear and determine the many complaints of persons pretending damage by the Adventurers' cutting through their lands, especially as they meet very seldom, and then usually in the Middle Temple, which is a great distance from the level, whereby the petitioners are put to great expense and travail in seeking relief. The abov Sub-Commissioners are therefore to examine the said petition and complaints, and determine them, or transmit them to the Commissioners named in the Act for their final determination. They are to meet at the Bell at Ely, on 20 July next, adjourning their meetings as they think fit, and having power to examine witnesses on oath; six of them to be a quorum. All mayors, &c. to assist them, and their power to extend to 24 June 1654. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 436–438.]

June 28. Navy Office. **146.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We send return of Capt. Thos. Hewitt and Jno. Pene, press-masters, em-

ployed to obtain seamen for the service at Bristol and other parts in the west, and leave it to you to take such action therein as you think fit. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

146. I. *Account by Hewitt and Pene of* 10 *persons who have obstructed them since last March, by advising disobedience to their power, carrying off seamen in defiance of the press, assaulting their persons, or absenting themselves after being pressed; five of them have been imprisoned at Bristol. Request their punishment.*

As to the complaints against them, took up boats only to impress seamen, and have sent none to Portsmouth but volunteers. John Quinton advised all boat-masters not to obey them, which was the cause of the non-appearance of many pressed seamen. Nath. Bullock of the Patience, coming near the shore, was warned by several to keep off to avoid the press, and would not come in, saying he was already in the service, but refused to show his pass.—Minehead, 27 *April* 1653. [2½ *pages.*]

June 28. **147.** Thos. Woodcott, Mayor of Gravesend and Milton, to the Admiralty Committee. There has been a very hot affray between the company of the Phœnix and the Satisfaction, about pressing two men, as one would have them, and the other would not let them go, and before any aid of the town with officers would come, one man was shot dead. We have the soldier who did it in hold, and have tried to take informations, but the broil was so confused that nothing to purpose can be gathered. Capt. Wildey has been on board; I have desired him to give you particulars. I want orders what is to be done with the soldier. [¾ *page.*]

June 28. **148.** Proposals of Richard Shute and John Hallett, merchants of London, and Stephen Trevill, merchant of Cornwall, for managing the inland and foreign letter offices.

1. Desire the sole carrying of all letters and packets to and from England, Ireland, and Scotland, acquiescing with the propositions made by the Post Committee, and accepting the rates expressed in the 5th Article.

2. Are content to carry free all public packets and letters, as also those of the legislature, as set down in the 2nd and 3rd Articles.

3. Promise to keep at their own cost two packet boats between England and Ireland, as required by the 6th Article.

4. Are willing to erect the several new stages in the several places in England specified in the 7th Article.

5. Think it necessary that all other posts be suppressed except those authorised by them, and that their postmasters and servants riding with the mails, packets, &c. shall have free passage everywhere, and at all times, and be protected from injury or molestation.

6. For the foreign letters, they will take the same rates as are now received, and send twice a week into France, and once a week into

Flanders and all other parts, on the same days, and bring the answers as hitherto.

7. If invested in the full possession of the two offices, they offer 8,001*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* a year, payable quarterly. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

148. I. *Conditions upon which the Post Office is to be undertaken.*

1. *The undertakers are to be of known integrity and good affection, and responsible in outward estate.*

2. *They are to carry all extraordinary despatches to or from the supreme authority, Lord General Cromwell, the Council of State, Commissioners of Admiralty, Generals of the fleet, general officers of the army, Army Committee, and Irish and Scotch Committee, or any person entrusted with the management of a public affair wherein private interest is not concerned.*

3. *All such letters by, as also those to and from, all members of the legislative power, are to be carried free from postage, provided that such as are not known by their seals have an endorsement as follows:—"These are for the service of the commonwealth," signed by the persons themselves or their clerks.*

4. *That the sum of l. be paid by the undertakers of this business every three months.*

5. *They shall receive for single letters carried into Ireland, 6d.; into Scotland, 4d.; to all parts above 80 miles from London, 3d.; to all parts less remote, 2d. With note of the difference between single and double and triple letters.*

6. *That a weekly intercourse may be continued between England and Ireland, they are to maintain one or more packet boats weekly between Milford and Waterford, and between Chester and Dublin.*

7. *That besides the several post stages now in use, there is to be a post settled between Dover and Portsmouth, Portsmouth and Salisbury, London and Yarmouth, and Lancaster and Carlisle.*

The persons nominated by the undertakers for posts in their several stages, as also all other officers subordinate to them, shall be approved by persons authorised thereto by the Lord General and Council of State. [1 *page.*]

June 28. **149.** Proposal of William Rowe, Martin Nowell, Thos. Alderne, and Dennis Gauden, to the Committee for the Posts. Having seen the order of the Council of State of June 13, and this Committee's paper thereon, they offer, accepting all the conditions laid down, to undertake the charge, paying 7,200*l.* a year. They offer nothing by way of commission, supposing a certain revenue more advantageous to the State, but if the Committee proceed in that way, they beg to be heard again.—June 20, 1653. [2 *pages.*]

June 28. **150.** Additional proposals by the same.

The Committee having declared that Tuesday last should be the

last day for receiving papers for farming the postage, they attended with their papers, and although the Committee suspended the opening of all papers until this day, for affording more time for proposers, they, by desire of the Committee, gave in their papers; but the Committee declared that none should be bound by what they then offered, or their papers be opened, and if they had anything further to offer, it should be received up to a late hour this day.

They therefore, that the commonwealth's benefit may be advanced to the uttermost, make their final tender of 8,000*l.* a year for the postage of all foreign and inland letters, performing all the conditions enjoined and mentioned in their former paper, the State making good what is therein desired on their parts. They further declare that they intend employing such of the old postmasters as have been faithful, and endured the trouble and brunts in the time of the late wars, and will also allow them fitting salaries for the same. [1 *page.*]

June 29. **151.** Ben Andrewes to the Committee for the Posts. Understanding that the letter offices both inland and foreign are to be disposed of by you by way of contract, and having observed the rules prescribed as to the rates that must be paid for the same, I offer for the inland office 3,600*l.* per annum, and 3,500*l.* per annum for the foreign. If I may have both together, I will give 7,400*l.* per annum during the free enjoyment of the same, if I may be protected by authority, and have the sole benefit thereof, and suppress all other speedy posts now in existence, or that shall be hereafter established. I also offer to carry free all the State's packets both ordinary and extraordinary, and other State's letters, according to the rules prescribed, and to settle such other stages as are appointed, provided I may have liberty to employ such persons in the management of the same as I can hire, and I will give good security for payment, quarterly. [1 *page.*]

June 29. **152–8.** Offers made to the Posts' Committee for the farm of the Post Office, inland and foreign.

	£	s.	d.
Hen. Robinson - - - -	8,041	0	0
Ben. Andrewes - - -	9,100	0	0
John Goldsmith - - -	8,500	0	0
Ralph Kendall - -	1,103	12	9
John Manley, with good security	8,259	19	11¾
Rich. Hicks - - - -	9,120	6	8
Rich. Hill - - - -	8,160	0	0

[7 *papers.*]

June 29. **159.** Petition of Sir David Watkins and Wm. Witherings to the Council of State. We beg for an order to the Committee for management of the posts not to farm or dispose of the office of postmaster in the foreign Post Office, until Witherings has produced his evidences relating to his right therein. It has already been represented to the State that the legal and equitable right to the said office belongs to us during the life of Wm. Frizell, but we are

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informed that you have given order to the Committee to dispose of it. Witherings is heir to Thos. Witherings, and both are in possession, and have a freehold in the said office, and a Committee of Council consisting of Lord Rolle, Lord Bradshaw, Sir Wm. Masham, and Sir Wm. Brereton, deemed it to be their just title and freehold. [1 *page.*]

June 29. **160.** Reference thereon to the Committee the Posts to consider and report, with note that it will be considered at 3 p.m. [1 *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 443.]

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1, 2. John Corbet appointed chief justice for cos. Glamorgan, Brecknock, and Radnor, and Mr. Thurloe to prepare a warrant to the Attorney-General to give him a commission.

3. The 200*l.* due to Judge Eltonhead, late judge for Wales, to be paid at the same time and from the same moneys as the rest of the judges.

4. The 300*l.* given to Rachel, widow of Capt. Walter Hoxon, for the loss of her husband, to be equally divided between her and her son.

5. Major-Gens. Lambert and Desborow, Cols. Stapley, Bennet, and Jones, and Mr. Carew, added to the Ordnance Committee.

6. To write to the Generals of the fleet to enclose the intelligence this day come to hand concerning the appearing of 30 ships off the Start Point, and to write the like to the commanders of the ships plying to the Narrow.

7. Ten second rate ships to be forthwith built, and the Admiralty Commissioners to take care that they be put in hand with all possible speed, and to give an account to Council of what they do herein. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **161.**]

8. The petition of Wm. Brent referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider whether he may be bailed, and report.

9. That of divers officers and soldiers in the regiment of Major-General Lambert referred to the said Committee.

10. James Moet to be examined on the information given in concerning him, and to be committed to the custody of the Serjeant-at-arms.

11. Order on report from the Committee of officers concerning the Isle of Man, that 200 men and no more, which are to be in 2 companies, be appointed to the guard of the said island.

12. So much of the pay of the Governor, companies, and officers of that island as exceeds the 500*l.* allowed therefor by Lord Fairfax from the revenues, to be paid by the State, with the same care as the pay due to the army soldiers, and a letter to be written to the Army Committee for that purpose.

13. The petition of Eliz. Kellam, widow, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

14. Major-Gen. Desborow added to the Committee to treat with the deputies from the United Provinces.

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15, 16. The articles exhibited to Council against John Edisbury, late Prothonotary of cos. Denbigh and Montgomery, referred to the Indemnity Committee, he suspended from office, and Rice Vaughan appointed in his place.

18. Order on petition of divers well affected in the parish of Manchester, &c., that the gathering of the tithes mentioned be forborne till further order, and that a letter be written to the officer entrusted therein to forbear the same. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **162.**]

19. The petition of Saml. Swinock, merchant, referred to the Commissioners for Customs, to examine the allegations, and if they find the matter as stated, and that the petitioner had not time sufficient to give notice of the prohibition made against the importing of goods of that kind, dated the 2nd inst., they are to import the goods on the warrant of the late Council.

20. Mr. Carew, Major-Gen. Harrison, and Col. Tomlinson to be a Committee to confer with some of the trustees of Drury House, concerning the removing obstructions on the sale of delinquents' lands, and on the remainder of the Crown lands not yet sold.

22. The petition of Edward Viscount Loftus, of Ely, to be humbly recommended to the supreme authority when they shall meet, as a case wherein some redress should be given.

23. Edmund Jones appointed Attorney-General for South Wales, in the room of Edward Freeman lately dismissed.

24. The Committee for Whitehall to provide convenient lodgings for Mr. Rouse and Major Burton.

25. The lodgings now Mr. Mildmay's assigned to Mr. Spence, and the Whitehall Committee to put him in possession.

26. The petition of Viscount Loftus of Ely, with the papers, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

28. The report from the Irish and Scotch Committee concerning the Earl of Mulgrave to be brought in to-morrow.

29. The petition of Wm. Prince referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine to whom the forfeiture mentioned belongs, and what grounds of equity there may be to grant the petition, and to report.

30. The petition of Elizabeth Wilcox, widow, on behalf of her son who is a captive in Turkey, especially recommended to the Committee for redemption of captives.

31. To send the petition of John Urlin to the justices of peace for co. Bucks, and desire them to proceed according to law; authorising them, if necessary, to call to their assistance the soldiers quartered in those parts.

32, 21. The petition of the officers of the army, on behalf of the army and the supernumeraries whose arrears are comprised within the security of the late King's lands, referred to Mr. Strickland, Mr. Carew, and Sir Gilbert Pickering, who are to confer with the said officers, with the trustees for sale of the late King's lands, and any others they think fit, and report.

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33. The petition of the tradesmen serving in the materials, and of the labourers employed about the repairs of the houses reserved to the use of the commonwealth, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 440–448.]

[June 29.] **163.** Petition of Gualter, son of the late Gualter Frost, for himself and family, to the Council of State. My father being employed as commissary of provisions in Ireland, at the beginning of the rebellion, made contracts for which he became bound, for provisions for the army and their transport. These were paid till war broke out in England, when the money assigned for Ireland was, by a *Non obstante*, otherwise disposed, and my father would have been utterly ruined by suits for those debts, had not Parliament protected him. But the protection being only for himself, on his death, suits were commenced against his widow and administratrix for some of these debts.

On my father's death, the late Parliament was appealed to, and they referred the case to the Council of State, who prepared a report in its favour, but I could never obtain a hearing of it, though I printed the report and delivered it to the several members, but I could obtain no redress against paying public debts out of our private estate, and my father's services were so forgotten that he could not obtain even justice. Encouraged by your several acts of mercy to the oppressed, I beg a stop to these law proceedings, to preserve the family from utter ruin. [1½ *pages.*]

June 29. **164.** Council of State to the Indemnity Committee. We send you Mr. Frost's petition, and do not think his father's forwardness in the public service should prejudice his relations, but that the same protection should extend to the heirs and executors as granted to the late Mr. Frost, and all suits at law be stopped, and we desire you to issue orders accordingly. [1 *page.*]

June 30. **165.** Andrew Sandelands to Sir Gilbert Pickering. I gave Lord General Cromwell information as to the use the woods in Scotland might be in providing masts and tar; he recommended it to the Council of State, and they referred it to Major-Gen. Deane, then Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, and afterwards to his successor, Col. Lilburne. I gave him a full particular, which he sent to the Council of State, and it is in Mr. Thurloe's hands. Council ordered Lilburne to prosecute the design, and he employed me to try whether the Earl of Tullibardine, who had one-third of the woods of Abernethy and Glencalvie, would sell his interest for 221*l.* He agreed if paid before 25 March, but other business obstructing, nothing was done. Col. Lilburne has certified my diligence, and I have attended daily in Whitehall for 11 months. Pray acquaint the Council of State with my labour and pains, and ascertain whether my services are further required. With reference thereon to the Ordnance Committee, to confer with the Admiralty Committee, and send them all the papers. [1 *page. Also I.* 69, *p.* 455.]

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1. Col. Tomlinson added to the Committee for the business of Gurney House.

2. The Indemnity Committee to act upon the power formerly given them till November next, and an instrument to be prepared for that purpose, brought into Council, and passed.

3. John Godolphin, D.C.L., appointed one of the judges in the Admiralty Court.

6. Col. Bennet and Col. Stapley added to the Committee to whom the officers' petition was referred.

7. To allow an increase of 100*l.* a year each to Rich. Sherwin and John Leech, for their care and pains in that business.

8. The judges for probate of wills to order their treasurer to pay the 1,500*l.* or more that he has in hand from the profits of that Court to Mr. Frost, for Council's contingencies.

10. Wm. Legg, wardrobe keeper, to keep the goods and wardrobe stuffs committed to his trust for the use of the State, and not to deliver them on warrant from the trustees for sale of the late King's goods.

12. Major-Gens. Desborow and Harrison and Col. Sydenham to be a Committee to view the warrants directed to Mr. Falconbridge from the Committee of the Revenue, and to report which they judge fit to be paid, and which not.

13. To write to the Excise Commissioners to observe the order last sent them in the case of John Tooker.

14. The Whitehall Committee to take care that Col. Henry Cromwell be accommodated with a convenient lodging in Whitehall.

15. The petition of Margaret, widow of Matthew Grant, mariner, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

16. The paper given in from Commissary-Gen. Reynolds and Col. Clerke, referred to the Committee for lands in Ireland.

17. Order on representation by Richard Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, of his great charge this year in execution of his trust, that 1,000*l.* be added to his salary this year, ending the last of December. The Navy Commissioners to give a warrant accordingly. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **166.**]

18. The trustees for sale of the late King's lands to give an account on Saturday morning of all goods unsold, and in whose custody they are.

19. Lands of inheritance to the value of 200*l.* a year to be settled on Mr. Lockyer and his heirs for ever, and Maj.-Gen. Desborow and Col. Tomlinson to consider what glebe lands belonging to the late deans and chapters are yet unsold and may be settled on him, or where else they may be had, and to report. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **167.**]

20. The Haberdashers' Hall Committee to pay the Earl of Worcester, prisoner in the Tower, 3*l.* a week subsistence, with arrears.

21. 20*l.* to be paid to Hen. Coleman to enable him to go to Ireland,

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from the 3,000*l.* in Sir John Wollaston's hands, and Mr. Rowe to be spoken with as to particularising whence it is to be paid.

22. The petition of Wm. Toomes, executor to Sir Paul Pindar, and others, referred to the Commissioners appointed to treat with the Dutch; Mr. Thurloe to take a seasonable opportunity to remind them of it.

23. The petition of Fisher Littleton with others referred to Maj.-Gen. Harrison, and the rest of the Committee appointed to speak with the trustees at Drury House concerning removing obstructions to the sale of Crown lands, to consider and report.

25–28, 33. The Committee for Whitehall to provide lodgings there for Sir Charles Wolsely and Mr. Draper; for Col. Brookes and Mr. Horseman; for Mr. Plumstead and Mr. Clarke; to change the lodgings assigned to Capt. Bishop; and to put Jacob Caley and Sam. Duncomb, of Ipswich, in possession of those lately held by Mr. Hodges.

29. Order on petition of the Committee appointed by Act of Parliament to take the accounts of the commonwealth, that 100*l.* be paid each of them on account of the salaries due for their service, out of such treasure as comes in on their receiving of accounts.

30. 100*l.* to be paid out of some treasury to John Greensmith, for many faithful services.

31. The trustees for the maintenance of ministers to order the same allowance as paid to Sam. Oliver, late preacher at Wells, to be made to Henry Stubb, appointed to succeed in his stead, with arrears from the time of his appointment.

32. The pay due to Capt. Saltonstall for self and servants, which was ordered to be reserved in Mr. Hutchinson's hands, to be now paid him.

34–36. John Manley to carry all packets, public and private, inland and foreign, according to the terms agreed on between him and a Committee of Council for that purpose, and to enter on the execution of the said office to-night, and receive the profits thereof, and a warrant to be drawn to that purpose; power given him to stop all mails of letters carried by any person not authorised by him; and his office for postage of letters to be freed from all taxes.

37, 38. The officers, under-postmasters, or others employed by him, to be approved of by the Committee for the Posts, who are to adjust the accounts of the new undertakers as to their disbursements and receipts in managing the postage of letters, and to report.

39. The registrar for sale of deans and chapters' lands, on the desire of Nicholas Lockyer, to make forth in parchment one or more particulars of manors, lands, &c. exposed to sale, but yet uncontracted for, or contracted for but the first half not paid, to the value of 200*l.* a year, in possession or reversion, or to any greater value not more than 240*l.*, at the lowest rates the contractors are enabled to sell for; and the said registrar or his deputy to deliver the particulars signed to the contractors, who are to ascertain the rates, and transmit them with the particulars to the registrar, who is to ascertain how much in gross they amount to, and transmit the par-

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ticulars to the trustees, who are to convey them to Lockyer for ever, he paying half, and securing the residue for what is above 200*l.* a year, in such double bills and in such manner as is usual, for which purpose the registrar is to certify the overplus to the treasurers, who are to require payment thereof, and give acquittance. Lockyer to hold the premises free of all claims, with the same privileges as any purchaser within the Acts for sale of the said lands, and to pay to the registrar, contractors, trustees, treasurers, and other officers their fees, as any other purchaser. The said conveyance to be valid in law to all intents and purposes. [*Also Vol. XXXVII., No.* **168.**]

40. Order that the Commissioners for compounding and at Haberdashers' Hall, receive their salary of 300*l.* a year, and the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall are required to pay it on demand, their acquittance with this order being a discharge. Also the said Commissioners are to order the said treasurers to pay to their officers the former salaries and incident charges for books, papers, ink, &c. necessary for that service; and also what is due to the Commissioners lately discharged, to the time of their discharge. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 449–462.]

June 30.
Whitehall.

Council of State to Clement Oxenbridge, and all others concerned in the inland and foreign post. John Manley having contracted for and farmed these offices, we authorse him to enter on his duties this night, to receive and carry all packets, and to receive the profits to his own use. And you are required to permit him to do this without interruption or molestation. [*I.* 69, *p.* 462.]

June 30.
Whitehall.

Council of State to Chris. Nuttall and others concerned. The inhabitants of Newchurch parish, Rossendale, co. Lancaster, petition that on a decree in the Duchy Court, 20*l.* a year was to be paid for maintenance of their minister, but Chris. Nuttall who holds the lands refuses to pay it, on pretence that Thos. Summerton, the present minister, is not established by lawful authority. But as it appears by several certificates that he is of godly life and able for the charge, we think fit to continue him, and Mr. Nuttall is to pay the 20*l.* a year, or show cause to the contrary in 20 days. [*I.* 69, *p.* 463.]

June 30.
Whitehall.

169. Council of State to the Committee for Indemnity. In the case of Dame Marg. Hungerford and Sir Nevill Poole, about which we wrote you on the 25th, we impose our former order, the case admitting of no delay, lest their application to Parliament should be prevented, to their great damage. [¾ *page, p.* 441 *suprà.*]

June 30.
The Resolution, off the Texel.

170. Generals Blake and Monck to the Admiralty Committee. Capt. Clarke has not yet arrived. Although we had resolved that the main body of the fleet should make a trip to the English shore, to see the prizes lately taken out of danger and then to return, it has been decided by a council of war that we shall not only do

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so, but also anchor in Sole Bay, and take in the provisions at Yarmouth and Harwich, which cannot come to us without hazard, get refreshment for our men, who fall sick daily, and return in three or four days, meantime leaving sufficient ships to ply before the Flie and northward, of which a list is enclosed, to intercept all vessels belonging to or trading with the enemy. We hear that the Council of State has appointed five ships to ply in the Narrow seas to secure trade, but we hope the Phœnix and Constant Warwick will be spared; they would be more useful were they to join us in Sole Bay, and we have ordered nine ships for that service. We wish the 1,300 hammocks shipped in the Elizabeth would arrive, as they are much wanted. Let the victualling and water ships be ordered to Sole Bay. We received the 400 barrels of powder in the Recovery, but want shot, paper, canvas, junk, and wood and candles. As to victualling at Hull, where you say there are 1,000 men's victuals for six months, we will take them if needful, but what has come thence has been defective. The Scotch coast vessels might take them. [2½ *pages.*]

June 30. **171.** Rough notes by Major Salwey from the above letter, and from the Generals' letter of June 28. [1 *page.*]

June 30. **172.** Geo. Hewley to Robt. Thompson at the Navy Office. Before the receipt of yours, I had desired Mrs. Nedham to send you the half-year's rent due, and she has paid 105*l.* to Mr. Walker, who is to hand it to Mr. Tempest Milner for your use on 23 July next. The half year upon her lease is 135*l.*, accounting that Mr. Warner is to pay 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, part thereof, in lieu of the ground in the possession of Sir Edw. Rodds, and the assessments of the half-year amount to 13*l.* 19*s.*, so that she has paid 12*s.* 4*d.* more than the half-year's rent. Sir Edward detains 97*l.* in lieu of all assessments for two years, and the monthly assessments are now greater, but Mrs. Nedham pays few of them unless I first approve. The rent for three water cornmills is 20*l.*, whereof 10*l.* was due to you at Ladyday last, and Mr. Ashton, who is now in London, has promised to speak with you about rent and mills. There will be an action of debt for rent; if you have not a breviate of the lease, it may be taken out at the office in Gurnett's house.

Mr. Warner desired that Mrs. Nedham might stand to the bargain I made, touching the ruinous building, being 58*l.*, whereof 10*l.* was to be laid out in repairing, and the rest to be retained by her, until the business was friendly ended between you. He let me see the conveyance, but there is no mention of the building passed, but only a wall next the mill dam and the ground, nor any mention of passing the castle stones standing. I much desire a friendly end and shall not meddle in the bargain unless I receive further order. If you have a good purchase, let no small matter cause a difference. It is thought there will be a trial the next York assizes in July, for tithes of the lands at Cawood, and it much concerns you, for if tithes be recovered out of lands late bishops', it will lessen your rent. Henry Hussey, in Mr. Farmer's office, near

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Chancery Lane, is for the defendants, and I have desired him, if the plaintiffs give notice for trial, to send you a letter, so that you may send down the original conveyance, sealed by the trustees, and let it be examined by the enrolment in the Chancery Office. You may safely deliver it to my cousin John Hewley of Gray's Inn, and his man will be the fittest witness at the assizes that it agrees with the enrolment. The rent for the mills is payable at Cawood or York. [1 *page.*]

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				I. 68.	I. 111.	Vol. XVIII.
1652. Dec. 4	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Col. Odwyre and servant beyond seas - - - - - -	22	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Ordnance officers -	To send gunner's stores to the Adam and Eve, Capt. Coppin commander - -	25	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Lieutenant of the Tower.	To release John Mordant, if in custody only on Council's warrant - -	26	—	—
,, 7	,, -	Pass - -	For David Galbreth beyond seas - - - - - - -	42	—	—
,,	,, -	Passes and post warrants.	For Visct. Valentia and Arthur Annesley and families to Ireland, on taking the engagement.	45	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	[Comrs. of Customs]	To allow Wm. Willoughby to transport 12 couple of hounds and a huntsman to Ostend.	43	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,,	To allow ——— to transport a grey gelding to Flanders, in exchange for a stoned horse, to be brought over to England.	44	—	—
,, 8	,, -	Passes - -	For Cols. Geraldine and Yelverton to Spain, on security not to return into any territories of this State without license.	48	—	—
,, 9	,, -	Geo. Maynard, master of the Duchess.	To repair on board the Duchess, ordered to be fitted as a man-of-war, and take charge as master.	—	—	154
,, ,,	,, -	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Jas. Ede as carpenter in the Gift at Plymouth - - - -	—	—	155
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, Christ. Denman as boatswain, and Mathew Jeffery as gunner of the Duchess.	—	—	156, 157
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To enter John Brangwin as purser in the Gift - - - - -	—	—	158
,, 13	,, -	Warden of the Fleet.	To receive Capt. Chas. Saltonstall and keep him in prison for trial, for neglect of duty in the late engagement with the Dutch fleet off Dungeness.	80	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Serjeant Dendy -	To apprehend Saltonstall and convey him to the Fleet prison - - -	80	—	—
,, 15	Col. Robt. Blake.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter William Bow as carpenter of the old Warwick, in the room of Thos. Ryvers.	—	—	159
,, 16	C.O.S. -	Warden of the Fleet.	To receive Capt. Edm. Chapman, and keep him prisoner for trial, for neglect of duty during the late engagement with the Dutch.	80	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Serjeant Dendy -	To apprehend Chapman and convey him to the Fleet prison - - -	80	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Keeper of York Castle.	To release John Denton, prisoner, he having given security for his forthcoming and good deportment.	103	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Thos. Westropp to import 70 fatts of potashes	111	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To permit Rob. Waith to import 100,000 ells of Brunswick cloth for the navy, the Navy Commissioners having certified the necessity thereof.	105	—	—
,, 17	,, -	Ordnance officers -	To bring all the powder in Windsor Castle to the Tower, except 10 barrels to be left for that garrison.	113	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Governor of Windsor Castle.	To deliver the said powder to the ordnance officers - - - - -	113	—	—

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				I. 68.	I. 111.	Vol. XVIII.
1652. Dec. 18	C.O.S.	Officers of Customs at Bristol.	To permit Lieut.-Col. Rob. Yeamans, merchant of Bristol, to transport 40 draught nags to Barbadoes, for the use of the sugar mills, on the same terms as others.	120	—	—
,, 21	,,	Pass	For Eliz. Meutis to Flanders	127	—	—
,, ,,	,,	Comrs. for Sale of Dutch Prizes.	To seize and secure some gold and silver embezzled from the Samson, Salvador, and George in the Thames, and carried to St. Katherine's, Tower, and elsewhere.	130	—	—
,, ,,	,,	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Thos. Westropp, on his petition, to import 1,000 barrels of pitch and tar, 50,000 lbs. of hemp, and 70 fatts of potash.	130	—	—
,, 22	,,	Pass	For George Bray, gent., with a servant, beyond seas	132	—	—
,, ,,	,,	[Comrs. of Customs]	To permit Wm. Boeve, merchant of London, to import linen cloth brought from Holland to Flanders by Council's warrant, on oath that it was brought before the withdrawal of the order.	132	—	—
,, ,,	,,	Generals, captains of ships, press-masters, &c.	To permit Rob. Rich. merchant of London, and his ship Negro, to carry 70 men free from impress.	136	—	—
,, 23	,,	Generals and ship captains.	To permit Thos. Dobson, of the Thomas fisherboat of Yarmouth, to pass with three men and a boy, free from impress.	141	—	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	To permit Wm. Cann, of the Dove fisherboat of Yarmouth, to pass with two men and a boy.	141	—	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	To permit Rich. Cox, of the Thomas and John of Yarmouth, to pass with two men and a boy.	141	—	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	To permit Hugh Crofate, of the Endeavour of Yarmouth, to pass with three men and a boy.	141	—	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	To permit Josias Primate, merchant of London, to import kid skins, leather, and other French goods not prohibited, in a French bottom.	141	—	—
,, 24	,,	Ordnance officers	To deliver to Lieut.-Col. Worsley 12 barrels of powder, with match and bullet, for the Lord General's regiment, to be kept at St. James's, to be used on all emergencies; also one barrel a month for the Guards, and three for recruits for Scotland and Ireland; also 400 snaphance in lieu of 400 matchlock muskets.	146	—	—
,, ,,	,,	Pass	For Dan. Boulton beyond seas	139	36	—
,, 27	,,	Pass and protection.	For the Hopewell, a French vessel manned with Englishmen, to go to Portugal, and St. Lucar in Spain, and return, on petition of Rich. Legg and Sam. Putt, merchants.	152	—	—
,, 28	,,	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Wm. Carr, Ralph Jennison, and Benj. Elleson, merchants, to import tar, pitch, hemp, deals, masts, &c., notwithstanding the Act for navigation.	162	—	—
,, ,,	,,	Commanders of ships and press-masters.	To permit John Jarmin, of the Endeavour of Yarmouth, to pass to Yarmouth with two men and a boy, free of impress.	163	—	—

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1652. Dec. 28	C.O.S. -	Command[rs] of ships and press-masters.	To permit Bart. Morley, of the Bartholomew of Yarmouth, to pass to Yarmouth with two men and a boy, free of impress.	163	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To permit Chris. Green, of the Speedwell of Yarmouth, to pass to Yarmouth with two men and a boy, free of impress.	163	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To permit Wm. Humphrey, of the Unity of Yarmouth, to pass to Yarmouth with two men and a boy, free of impress.	163	—	—
,, 29	,, -	Pass - -	For Wm. Harford to Flanders - - - - - - -	151	36	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of ships, &c.	To permit the St. John, belonging to merchants of Dieppe, to go to Barbary and return; granted at request of the Governor of Dieppe.	167	—	—
,, 30	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Martin Noel, Fras. Jaggard, and Ant. Phelps to import 90 lasts of pitch and 40 of tar, notwithstanding the Act for navigation.	172	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of ships, &c.	To permit John Fenn, of the Thomas and John fisherboat of Yarmouth, to pass to Yarmouth, with three men and a boy free of impress.	172	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To permit Sam. Sante, of the Anne of Yarmouth, to pass to Yarmouth with two men and a boy.	172	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Pass -	For Col. Jas. Fitzgerald and two servants beyond seas - - - -	—	36	—
,, 31	,, -	[Comrs. of Customs]	To permit Col. Dwyre to transport from Ireland to Spain such number of Irish as allowed by his articles.	176	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of ships.	To permit Rich. Stephenson, of the Unity fisherboat of Yarmouth, to pass with two men and a boy free from impress.	176	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To permit Wm. Sugget, of the New Year fisherboat of Yarmouth, to pass with three men and a boy.	176	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Serjeant Dendy -	To seize Zachary Browne, commander of the Hercules, and bring him in safe custody before Council.	177	—	—
1653. Jan. 3.	,, -	Warden of the Fleet.	To receive Capt. Zach. Browne, and keep him prisoner in order to trial for deserting the Hercules.	183	—	Vol. XLIII. —
,, ,,	,, -	Customs' Comrs. -	To permit Dan. Woolfe, of the Daniel of Lubec, to land and dispose of deals and tar from Norway, he being bound for Spain, but taken as an enemy, brought into Plymouth, tried in the Admiralty Court, and discharged.	184	—	—
,, 4	,, -	,, -	To permit Martin Noel, merchant of London, to import such hemp, pitch, tar, flax, iron, and potashes, as shall be appointed by Council on the list he is to bring in.	186	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Warden of the Fleet.	To deliver to the Admiralty Judges, from time to time, Capts. Saltonstall, Edm. Chapman, and Zach. Browne, Council having ordered the said judges to try them.	193	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs and commanders of ships.	To permit any French ship hired by Nath. Manton, merchant of London, to bring from Nantes some prunes, and to return, as they cannot be brought on English ships, on account of the embargo.	193	—	—

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1653. Jan. 5	C.O.S. -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Capt. Rob. Johnson to import goods bought at Amsterdam, and shipped in November 1651, but detained by contrary winds, suspending the Act of navigation.	199	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To permit Thomas and Rich. Ford, merchants, on their petition, to land goods bought at Rotterdam for the December fair at Exeter, but detained by contrary winds, suspending the penalties of the Navigation Act.	200	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Press-masters and others.	To free from impress Thomas son of Chris. Girling, of Richmond, Surrey, waterman, on his petition, as he supports his aged father, who has lost two sons in the service.	201	—	—
,, 7	,, -	Commanders of ships and press-masters.	To permit 18 men to bring the John from Plymouth into the Thames, free of impress	211	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs, &c.	To allow Wm. Harrington, merchant, to import 50 tons of potashes and 50 of hemp, or their value in pitch, tar, cordage, masts, &c. for the service.	210	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of ships, &c.	To permit the Success to proceed on her voyage as a privateer against the enemies	211	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs, &c.	,, Edw. Smith, merchant of London, to import masts, pitch, tar, timber, &c., in a Denmark or Norway ship, the Act of navigation notwithstanding, without stay in the relation to the present state of things between this State and Denmark.	212	—	—
,, 8	,, -	Commanders of ships, press-masters, &c.	To free from impress Thos. Madock, of the Primrose of Yarmouth, passing to Yarmouth with five men and a boy.	215	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To free from impress Clement Baker, of the Time of Yarmouth, passing to Yarmouth with four men and boy.	215	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To free from impress John Eldred, of the Unity of Yarmouth, passing to Yarmouth with six men and boy.	215	—	—
,, 11	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Theophilus Sacheverell as clerk of the check on the Portsmouth frigate -	—	—	1
,, ,,	C.O.S. -	Edw. Blagge -	Commission to be captain of the Marmaduke, now fitting as a man-of-war - -	226	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	License - -	To Rich. Spencer to continue with his family in France a year after the former license.	227	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow Visct. Valentia to transport himself, family, and necessaries to Ireland -	228	—	—
,, 12	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To make out bills for defraying the fitting out of the Lisbon Merchant, London, and Exchange.	—	—	2

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1653. Jan. 12	C.O.S. -	Commanders of ships, press-masters, &c.	To permit the Mayflower, under Wm. White, with 50 men and boys, to pass on a trading voyage to the Straits free of impress.	239	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Warden of the Fleet.	To receive into custody Capt. Young of the Worcester, to be tried for neglect of duty in the late engagement.	240	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	To receive into custody Capt. Taylor of the Laurel, to be tried for neglect of duty in the late engagement.	240	—	—
,, 13	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow Benj. Edwards to import pitch, tar, hemp, madder, rosin in the usual proportions, &c.	243	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Pass - -	For Owen Greene and Hen. Slater to foreign parts - - - - -	245	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs and Collectors of Prize Goods.	To permit the Sturgeon, forced by weather into Plymouth, and the Joseph, taken by the Diamond, though she had Council's protection, both of Burnage, and belonging to the Count du Ounguion, to proceed on their voyage.	245	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of ships, &c.	To permit David Durand of Quillebœuf, Normandy, master of the Flying Hart, to pass between St. Malo and Morlaix and London, Portsmouth, or Southampton, laden with French linen.	246	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the import, customs' free, of 6 half muidz of French wine for M. de Bourdeaux, public minister of the King of France.	246	—	—
,, ,	,, -	,, -	To permit Martin Noel, merchant of London, to import 150 lasts of hemp, 150 of pitch, 150 of tar, 50 of flax, 200 tons of iron, 150 fatts of potashes, with cables, cable yarn, &c., the Act of navigation notwithstanding.	247	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of ships, &c.	To permit the St. John of Dieppe to go for Guinea and Cape de Verd, and return, granted on petition of Capt. Jas. Gobert, of Dieppe.	247	—	—
,, 14	,, -	Commanders of ships, press-masters, &c.	To permit Thos. Coates of the Goodspeed to go to sea with 12 men, free of impress -	253	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, Wm. Dickenson of the Mary ,, 10 ,, ,, -	253	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, John Mold of the Elizabeth , 10 ,, ,, -	253	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, John Harris of the Dolphin ,, 10 ,, ,, -	253	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, Thos. Coates, jun., of the Talent ,, 12 ,, ,, -	253	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Admiralty Judges	To issue a privateer's commission to John Grindam of the Samuel, bound for the Barbadoes.	252	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of ships, &c.	To permit Louis Parent to go with his ship, the Cæsar, from Dieppe to any port of France, thence to Scotland, and thence to any ports in amity.	254	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Adm. Judges -	Like permit to Capt. John Bertin, with the Samson - - - -	254	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	Like permit for the Good Adventure - - - - - -	254	—	—

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1653. Jan. 14	C.O.S. -	Adm. Judges -	To permit the Dart, Edw. Maplesden, master, now in the Thames, laden with red herrings for Italy, to pass with 30 men and boys.	254	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit 16 boxes, four hampers, a portmanteau and hat-case, 12 barrels of provisions, 4 firkins, 4 runlets, ¼ cask of sack, 6 packs of bedding, 6 chairs, and 6 stools, belonging to Gen. Monk, to be shipped for him.	255	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To receive into custody Major Rhetorford and Lieut. Crowe, and keep them for further examination.	255	—	—
,, 15	Adm. Com.	Anth. Rively -	To take charge of the Tulip as master - - - - - -	—	—	3
,, 17	C.O.S. -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Wm. Harrington, merchant of London, on petition, to import 55 tons of hemp and 55 of potashes, or the value in pitch, tar, cordage, or masts, the Navigation Act notwithstanding.	262	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Governor and officers of the Isle of Wight, commanders of ships, &c.	To permit Henry Stuart, third son of the late King, to pass to any port of Flanders, in any vessel he shall choose.	261	—	—
,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Robert Bellamy as steward in the Stork - - - .. -	—	—	4
,, 18	C.O.S. -	Commanders of ships, &c.	To allow the Blessing of London, with 12 men, to pass to the Straits free of impress	265		
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Sam Atkins, merchant of Leith, to import tar, pitch, hemp, &c. for shipping, the Act of navigation notwithstanding, in three ships manned by Hamburghers.	264, 265	— —	— —
,, 19	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Edw. Johnson as clerk of the check in the Triumph - - -	—	—	5
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, Wm. Fox ,, in the Swan - - - -	—	—	6
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, Edm. Wormell ,, in the Princess Maria - - -	—	—	7
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, Wm. Jennifer ,, in the Advantage - - -	—	—	8
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, Thos. Threxton ,, in the Gillyflower - - -	—	—	9
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, Robert Barber ,, in the Assurance - - -	—	—	10
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, John Street ,, in the Nonsuch - - -	—	—	11
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	,, John Cressy as carpenter of the Tulip - - - - - -	—	—	12
,, ,,	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Edw. Cropley to foreign parts - - - - - - -	268	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, - -	For Fras. Dive and servant, and Lady Montague, beyond seas - - -	269	36	—
,, ,,	,, -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Commissary Wm. Dobbins 300 barrels of powder and 30 tons of match for the forces in Ireland.	271	—	—
,, ,,	,, -	Clement Baker -	To obtain from the executors of Mr. Winningham such public papers as were in his custody, and deliver them to Mr. Thurloe, to be kept with the papers of Council.	271	—	—

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1653. Jan. 19	C.O.S. -	[Adm. Judges] -	To give — Franklin a commission for a privateer from the coast of Wales, in the water of Bristol, or any other parts of Wales.	272	—	—
„ 20	„ -	[Comrs. of Customs]	To permit Lewis Parent, merchant of Leith, to import pitch, tar, hemp, noyals, &c. for shipping, in the usual manner.	273	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	To permit Benj. Edwards and Co. to import 200 tons of hemp, tar, and other navy commodities, and 200 tons of madder and potashes, on his petition.	274	—	—
„ 21	„ -	„ -	To permit Rich. Hincksman, Step. Trevill, and Jas. Toller, on their petition, to import tar, hemp, cable yarn, flax, potashes, oils, whalebone, drugs, groceries, dyers' wares, tobacco, copper, iron, linen, and hides, the Act of navigation notwithstanding.	280	—	—
„ 24	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Hen. Pape of the John of Hamburg to import seven lasts of rosin and a last of pitch, the Act of navigation notwithstanding.	286	—	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Elias Cooper as boatswain of the Kentish frigate, and Wm. Warr of the Sussex.	—	—	13
„ „	„ -	„ -	To enter Cuthbert Pembridge as boatswain of the Paradox - - -	—	—	14
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Geo. Pitman as boatswain of the Speaker prize - - - -	—	—	15
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Henry Witty „ Princess Maria in the room of Thos. May	—	—	16
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Thomas Sharp as clerk of the check in the Convertine - - -	—	—	17
„ 25	C.O.S. -	Comrs. for sale of Dutch prizes.	To deliver to Jas. Burrell a vessel equal in value to his galliot hoy pressed into the service.	293	—	—
„	„ -	Commanders of ships.	To permit Martin Bernard, and 31 other fishermen of Dieppe, named in a list annexed, to fish next Lent on the coast of Sussex without disturbance, in boats of from 12 to 25 tons.	293, 295	—	—
„ 26	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Hum. Aldington of London to import in any ship pitch and tar, the Act of navigation notwithstanding.	300	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	To permit Edw. Halford, merchant of London, to import 1,000 cwt. of flax and 200 cwt. of hemp, the Act of navigation notwithstanding.	300	—	—
„ 27	„ -	„ -	To permit Jas. Lordell and Sam. Everard or Everit, merchants of London, to import hemp, pitch, and other East country goods in the usual proportions particularised in their warrant.	307, 299	—	—
„ 29	„ -	Commanders at sea	To permit Capt. Jas. Gobert of Dieppe, with the St. John of Dieppe, to pass to Cape Verd free of molestation.	316	—	—
„ „	„ -	Customs' Comrs. -	To permit Jas. Edwards, merchant of London, to import 50 tons of hemp, boards, canvas, and 50 of Polonia wool.	322	—	—
Feb. 2	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Geo. Dennis as clerk of the check in the Stork prize - - -	—	—	18
„ „	C.O.S. -	License - -	For the Expedition, now at Plymouth, to pass with her company to Spain - -	323	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Jos. Ames of the Hart, and Nich. Allen of the Agreement, both of Yarmouth, to return home with six and five men and a boy, giving in their names.	325	—	—

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1653. Feb. 2	C.O.S. -	License - -	For Dan. Sochen of London to import hemp and other commodities for ships from France.	330	—	—
" "	" -	" - -	Rich. Ford and Nath. Manton, to import 300 bales of noyals canvas for the fleet in a French bottom.	326	—	—
" "	"	" - -	For Peter Collier of London to import hemp, tar, &c. for the fleet - - -	326	—	—
" 3	" -	" - -	For Tracie Pauncefort to import hemp, tar, &c., in proportions directed by Thurloe -	333	—	—
" "	" -	Pass - -	For Rich. Lovell and John Williams to France - - - - -	331	—	—
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" "	" -	Comrs. for sale of Dutch Prizes.	To deliver to Jas. Burrel, hoyman, a Dutch prize vessel of 30 tons, equal in value to his which was lost in the service.	4	—	—
" 4	" -	License - -	For Edward and Wm. Blackart to import hemp, pitch, in proportions directed by Mr. Thurloe.	7	—	—
" "	" -	Serjeant Dendy -	To apprehend — Mumms of Philpot Lane, and — Hobbs of Erith, and bring them, with all their letters and papers relating to public affairs, before Council.	8	—	—
" "	" -	License - -	For Wm. Pennoyer and Arnold Beake, merchants of London, to import hemp, tar, &c. in prescribed proportions.	10	—	—
" 5	" -	Brian Cockayne -	To appear before Council - - - - - - - - -	19	—	—
" 7	" -	License - -	For Wm. Read, merchant of London, to import hemp, tar, &c. in due proportions -	21	—	—
" 8	" -	" - -	For William Burrod of the Adventure, and Rich. Percy of the Blessing, both of Weymouth, to pass with their ships and companies to the fleet.	30	—	—
" "	" -	Pass - -	For M. de Bouloy, a Flemish gentleman, to his own country, first telling Mr. Thurloe the occasion of his journey.	30	—	—
" "	" -	" - -	For John Holmden to travel into foreign parts - - - - -	31	—	—
" 9	" -	Adm. Judges -	For a commission for a private man-of-war to Thos. Liddall - - -	32	—	—
" "	" -	Protections -	For Thos. Ellis of the Elizabeth and Marie with 10 men, Adam Bracket of the Employment with eight men, Wm. Reevely of the Matthew with nine men, and Thos. Antimgame of the Globe with 11 men, to pass to Newcastle without being impressed.	32	—	—
" "	" -	Pass - -	For Edw. Games of Newton, co. Brecon, to foreign parts - - - -	32	—	—
" "	" -	License - -	For Rob. Elleson and W. Johnson to import hemp, tar, &c. in due proportions -	32	—	—
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Robert Eason as assistant to the master shipwright at Chatham - -	—	—	19
" 10	C.O.S. -	Serjeant Dendy -	To apprehend John George of Gardener's Lane, Westminster, on suspicion of correspondence with Charles Stuart and his party.	38	—	—
" "	" -	Protection	For the Spanish ambassador in Denmark to return to Spain unmolested by the ships of this nation; granted at desire of Rich. Bradshaw.	43	—	—
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thos. Watts as steward of the Portsmouth frigate - - - -	—	—	20
" 11	" -	" -	" Jas. Smith " Sophia - - - - -	—	—	21

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Feb. 11	C.O.S. -	License - -	For Jas. Godscall, merchant of London, to sail from Hull to Rouen, on his petition	45	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	For the Marie of London to proceed to the Canaries, with 18 men and two boys -	45	—	—
„ „	„ -	Protection -	For the George of London to keep 10 men free from impress - - -	46	—	—
„ „	„ -	Navy Comrs. -	For the Stamboleene to go to the Straits with 20 men and a boy - - -	48	—	—
„ „	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To give a privateer's commission to the Diligence, bound for Biscay, W. Flood, commander.	47	—	—
„ 12	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Daniel Griffith as steward of the Swan - - - - -	—	—	22
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Thos. Hooper as carpenter of the Duchess - - - - -	—	—	23
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ — Morris as commander of the Fortune fire-ship - - - -	—	—	24
„ 14	„ -	„ -	„ Wm. Bodham as clerk of the check, and Hugh Hicks as steward in the Centurion.	—	—	25, 26
„ „	C.O.S. -	Pass and protection	For the Elizabeth of Yarmouth, with 13 men, to proceed on her voyage - -	52	—	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For the Mary of Dartmouth, with 16 men and a boy, to pass from the Thames, on her voyage.	53	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For John Furloe of Colchester, John Dolms, and Christian Zanten, merchants of London, to import hemp, tar, &c. in fit proportions.	54	—	—
„ „	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To grant a privateer's commission to Wm. Drakford and Wm. Standen, citizens of London.	54	—	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For the Defence of Hull to go to Hamburg - - - - - -	54	—	—
„ 15	„ -	Pass - -	For Rich. Snead, tailor, of St. Martin's-in-the Fields, to France - - -	59	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ and protection	For Rob. Tompson, master of the Speedwell, with nine men and a boy, and John Trotter of the Fellowship, with 10 men and a boy, to Newcastle.	59	—	—
„ „	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To issue a letter for a privateer to James Wood of the Mary and Ellen - -	59	—	—
„ „	„	„ -	„ „ Lieut.-Col. Joyce - - - -	59	—	—
„ „	„ -	Mayor of Dartmouth.	To allow the 11 ships bound for the Isle of May to sail with their companies free of impress.	63	—	—
„ 16	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Hen. Hutchson as boatswain of the John Baptist fire-ship - - -	—	—	27
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Hen. Knight as cook in the „ „ „ - - -	—	—	28
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Peter Harris as clerk of the check in the Expedition - - -	—	—	29
„ „	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Lady Newcastle, with four men and four maids to Flanders - - -	64	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Thos. Barnes beyond seas - - - - - - - -	—	36	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Gilbert Binnen and servant to Flanders - - - - -	65	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Thos. Barnes, tailor, beyond seas - - - - -	69	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Eliz. Souch to Flanders - - - - - - - -	70	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Margaret Moody and her daughter, Sarah Moody, to Flanders - - -	70	—	—
„ „	„ -	Pass and protection	For Thos. Stone of the Sapphire, and Thos. Winnall of the Blessing, with 28 men each, to Malaga.	68	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	For Godfrey Browne of the Willing Mind to Newcastle - - -	69	—	—

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,, ,,	,,	Protection	For the company of the Champion bound for Leith, from impress	73	—
,, ,,	,,	License	For Nich. Panther to import shipping commodities in due proportions	64	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Wm. Somers, merchant ,, ,,	65	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Rob. Jennison and Wm. Huntley ,, ,,	65	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Thos. Allen, merchant ,, ,,	66	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Benj. Ellison ,, ,,	66	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Capt. Rob. Johnson ,, ,,	70	—
,, ,,	,,	[Adm. Judges]	To give a letter for a privateer to Capt. Limbery	65	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, to the ships John, Victory, James, and Samson	68	—
,, 17	,,	License	For the Sarah to pass to the Canaries with 20 men	74	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Joan, widow of John Sharpe, to import shipping commodities in due proportions	75	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For the Dove of London to proceed on her voyage free from impress	76	—
,, ,,	,,	Pass	For George Digby to France	75	—
,, ,,	,,	Ordnance officers	To deliver to Lieut.-Col. Worsley 500 firearms and bandoleer collars, for the recruits of the Lord General's regiment.	77	—
,, 18	,,	License	For John Ramsey and Rob. Allum of London to import hemp, tar, &c. in proportions appointed by Thurloe.	81	—
,, 19	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter Edw. Halliday boatswain of the Hunter fireship	—	30
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, John Stapylton steward of the Drake	—	31
,, 21	C.O.S.	Pass	For Col. Thos. Hume beyond seas	88	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Major Ogilby to foreign parts	90	—
,, ,,	,,	Adm. Judges	To grant a letter for a privateer to Capt. John Gilson	88	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, ,, Col. Hugh O'Reily	89	—
,, ,,	,,	License	For Wm. Thomson, Jos. Costis, and Allen Knipe to import the commodities desired, Mr. Thurloe setting the proportions.	89	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	Jas. Hublon and Jacob Goslin of London to import hemp, tar, &c. in due proportions	90	—
,, ,,	,,	Pass and protection.	For Wm. Lyng of the Roebuck of Ipswich to pass with 20 men	89	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Mark Peirce of the John of Milton, Jas. Lambert of the James of Milton, and Rich. Cooke of the Peter of Shields, each with three men and a boy, employed in the service, to keep their men free of impress.	92	—
,, 22	,,	Adm. Judges	To grant a privateer's commission against the Dutch to Rich. Manning and others for the Elizabeth of Chichester.	95	—
,, ,,	,,	Protection	For William Green, master, and 22 men of the Swallow, from impress	95	—
,, ,,	,,	License	For Rich. Thursby to import hemp, tar, &c. on the usual terms	96	—

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„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Jos. Whiting as clerk of the check in the Violet - - - - -	—	32
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„ 23	C.O.S. -	Customs' officers at Dover.	To seize and value at the market rate, for victualling the navy, all staves and clap-boards brought in any vessel.	10	—
„ „	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To grant privateers' commissions against the Dutch to Rich. Stevens, merchant of London, for the Hopewell and Handmaid.	13	—
„ „	„ -	Protection -	For the Francis and John of London, Laurence Browning, master, and her 24 men to go to the Canaries.	14	—
„ 24	„ -	License - -	For Hen. White and John Shorter of London to import pitch, hemp, masts, cordage, &c. in any ship.	—	32*a*
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter John Weston as cook of the Sophia - - - - - -	—	33
„ „	Gen. Blake.	„ -	„ Fras. Ellis as purser of the James, in the room of Wm. Herbert - - -	—	34
„ „	„	„ -	„ Samuel Hall as deputy purser of the Speaker, the purser, Chas. Benyon, being ill.	—	35
„ 25	C.O.S. -	License - -	For Anne Chambers, widow, to import hemp, tar, &c. on the usual terms - - -	19	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thos. Jones as gunner of the Stork - - - - - -	—	36
„ 28	C.O.S. -	License - -	For Haviland Hiley, merchant of Poole, to send a ship and 12 seamen to Newfoundland -	26	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For the Marie and Susanna to keep 28 men free from impress - - - -	26	—
„ „	„ -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To apprehend some persons against whom information is given in to Council by the Marshal-General.	28	—
Mar. 1	„ -	Pass - -	For Alex. Fotheringham of Pownie, Scotland, and a servant, to foreign parts - -	33 } 36 }	—
„ „	„ -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To apprehend Capt. Ware and bring him before Council to answer objections against him	34	—
„ „	Gen. Blake	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Geo. West as carpenter of the Falcon frigate - - - - -	—	37
„ 2	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Lady Vane to travel to-morrow to her house in Lincolnshire with her servants, &c., without interruption.	35	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Lady Newcastle and servants out of England, without having the taking of the engagement pressed upon her.	35	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Sir Rob. Crompton and his Lady, two men and two maids to France - - -	36	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For John Lee to France - - - - - - - - - -	36	—
„ 4	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To grant letter for private men-of-war against the Dutch only to Hen. Tiddiman of the John, Wm. Dan of the Hopewell of Rye, Fras. Fowler of the Francis of Scarborough, Rob. Armstead of the Hope, Edw. Merryall of the Gregory, and Fras. Tatnall of the Francis.	47	—

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1653. Mar. 4	C.O.S. -	License - -	For Thos. Aleyn, merchant of London, to import pitch, tar, &c. in proportions directed by Mr. Thurloe.	47	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Josiah and Hum. Primate to import pitch, tar, &c. in proportions directed by Mr. Thurloe.	47	—
" 8	"	" - -	For M. Barrière to import four tuns of French wine, customs' free, for his own use -	56	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Isaac Gold, merchant, to import hemp, tar, &c. in due proportions - - -	56	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Thos. Wetherell and Gilbert Dobson " " - - -	57	—
" "	" -	Adm. Judges -	For a commission for a privateer to Rob. Cann, for the William frigate of Bristol - -	57	—
" "	" -	" -	" " George Ladd, mariner of Dartmouth - - -	57	—
" 9	" -	License - -	For Jas. Adcock of the Hopewell, freighted at Lynn with navy provisions, to pass to London with 14 men, free of impress.	61	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Wm. Warren, and Caleb Wren, merchants of London, to import pitch, tar, &c. in due proportions.	61	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Rich. Moore and Andrew Taylor " "	62	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Phil. Rychaut to sell in any part of the nation 181 bags of Spanish wool, brought in on suspicion of being Dutch, but cleared in the Admiralty Court.	62	—
" "	" -	Protection -	For 100 men on board three ships to Guinea, on account of the Guinea Company - -	63	—
" "	" -	Pass - -	For And. Macguire and David Liddell, Scottish ministers, to Scotland - - -	67	—
" 10	" -	License - -	For Adam Smithson, of the Jonathan of London, to keep 14 men on board free of impress, they having contracted to do a public service.	68	—
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Edw. North as gunner of the Cardiff - - - - - -	—	38
" "	Gen. Blake	" -	To enter Paul Bayley as purser of the Merlin building at Chatham - - -	—	39
" 11	C.O.S. -	License - -	For the Gift of God, Thos. Petit, master, to sail to France with her lading - -	74	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Tracie Pauncefort to import pitch, tar, &c. in due proportions - - -	75	—
" "	" -	Adm. Judges -	To issue a privateer's commission against the Dutch and French to Roger Homer of the Angel of London.	75	—
" 13	Gen. Rob. Blake.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Jno. Martin as cook, and David Knowles as boatswain, in the Merlin building at Chatham.	—	40, 41
" 14	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Anne Countess of Newport, Wm. Legg, and eight servants, Legg first giving security to do nothing prejudicial to the State.	77	—
" 16	" -	Adm. Judges -	To grant a privateer's commission to Edw. Marston of the Grace of Faversham, 30 mariners	87	—
" "	" -	" -	" " Edw. Keeling to set out a vessel - - -	88	—
" "	" -	Postmasters and others.	To furnish Major Butler and his servant with posthorses and a guide to Stilton, co. Hunts, and back.	—	42
" "	" -	Pass - -	For — Calvert and servant beyond seas - - - - - - -	87	—

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„ 17	„	Pass	For Alex. Garden, gent. beyond seas	90	—
„ 18	„	License	For Lucas Lucie and Sam. Terrick, merchants of London, to freight a small vessel from England to France, to pass and return.	92	—
„ „	„	„	For Anne Chambers to import hemp, tar, &c. in due proportions	93	—
„ „	„	„	For Mr. Willoughby to transport three horses to Dunkirk or Ostend, presently	94	—
„ 19	„	Protection	For — Adington and 15 men on the Sarah, bound for New England to fetch deals, tar, &c. for the State.	96	—
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„ 21	„	Pass	For Major John Anderson to travel beyond seas, and 10*l.* to be given him by Council therefor	1	—
„ „	„	License	For Fras. Selwyn to import hemp, tar, &c. in due proportions	2	—
„ „	„	„	For Wm. Eaton, merchant, to import tar, cordage, iron, &c. for shipping	2	—
„ 22	„	„	For Allen Knipe and Sam. Camby, merchants of London, to import hemp, tar, &c. in due proportions, but no wines.	6	—
„ „	„	„	For Thos. Atkin, jun., Rob. Gale, and Thos. Ryder, merchants of London, to import hemp, tar, &c. in due proportions.	8	—
„ 23	„	Pass	For Severinus Durfey to France	11	—
„ „	„	„	For Thos. Bennett, gent., to France	12	—
„ „	„	License	For the Petit Jesus de St. Savenien, Pierre Tranbert of Rochelle, master, to import salt and sail cloth to Bristol, and export English goods.	12	—
„ „	„	Protection	For Rich. Scot, John Jones, Moses Butler, and Joshua Walton, a ship master and 10 men from impress, they going to Scotland on public service.	13	—
„ 24	„	License	For Col. O'Dwyre to transport 3,000 Irishmen into the service of any prince in amity with the State, according to articles granted him.	16	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter Samuel Rainsford as clerk of the check in the Portland frigate	—	43
„ 28	C.O.S.	Pass	For Anne Townley, with maid and servant, and Anne Chadwell, to Hamburg	24	—
„ 29	„	„	For Capt. Rob. Steward to Ireland	27	—
„ „	„	License	For Miles Causton of the Sea Flower to transport to Barbadoes 10 horses, and 100 dozen of shoes, for the use of that plantation.	28	—
„ „	Capt. Arth. Young.	Pass	For Wm. Rowland, surgeon to Col. Cobbett's regiment, to go to London, with note by Thos. Traphan, promising to get him relief from the Savoy Hospital if he needs it.	—	44
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter Thos. Kirkland as boatswain, Jno. Hudson, gunner, and Wm. Lowes, carpenter of the Essex; Edw. Philpott as gunner, and Jno. Garse as carpenter of the Portland; and Edw. Palmer as carpenter of the Newcastle.	—	45
„ 30	C.O.S.	License	For Jas. Wainwright, on his petition, to transport five tuns of beer, four firkins of butter, and a barrel of soap for Rich. Bradshaw, Resident at Hamburg.	32	—

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„ 31	„ -	„ - -	For M. de St. Thomas to import — tuns of French wine, custom free, into any port -	38	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For John Massall and Thos. Read, merchants of London, to import hemp, tar, &c. in due proportions.	39	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For Lady Mary Weston to Flanders - - - - - - -	39	—
Apr. 1	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To appoint Mich. Wiggons, housekeeper at Chatham, in the room of Robt. Eason appointed assistant to the master shipwright.	—	46
„ „	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Peter Killigrew, Edw. Farmer, and M. Ahaire, with a lacquey, beyond seas - -	45	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For Capt. Rich. Yardley and John Arthur, jun., to transport 400 tods of wool and 20 dickers of leather to Jersey.	46	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Edw. Bernard, merchant of London, to import hemp, pitch, &c. in due proportions -	48	—
„ 2	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thos. Smith as boatswain of the Hampshire frigate - - - -	—	47
„ „	„	„ -	„ Thos. Chadburne as gunner of the Newcastle frigate - - - -	—	48
„ 5	„	License - -	For Geo. Clarke, sen., of London, to import only such of the goods desired in his petition as are materials for shipping, Mr. Thurloe to appoint the proportions.	55	—
„ „	„	„ - -	For John Emerson, merchant of London, to import flax, pitch, &c., Mr. Thurloe to appoint the proportions.	56	—
„ „	„	Pass - -	For Francis Lord Dacre beyond seas - - - - - - -	56	—
„ „	„	Adm. Judges -	To give a privateer's commission to Thos. Prince, citizen of London - - -	56	—
„ 6	„	Navy Comrs. -	To imprest to Solomon Smith such sum as he shall deem necessary for pressing and shipping as many mariners and watermen as Col. Barkstead and 13 others named can procure, within the late lines of communication.	—	49
„ „	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Ralph Constable beyond seas - - - - - - - -	59	—
„ „	„ -	Protection -	For 13 harpooners, employed by the Russia Company in whale-fishing, from impress, their names to be given in.	61	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	For John Earl of Dover, and 13 mackerel fishermen employed by him from impress -	61	—
„ „	„ -	Keeper of —— prison.	To bring Col. Mayo in custody before Council to-morrow - - - - -	62	—
„ „	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To commission Toby Swinburne, D.C.L., to be advocate, Cuthbert Sissons registrar, and Art. Myers marshal of the vice-admiralty for co. Durham.	63	—
„ 7	Adm. Com.	Capt. Martin -	To take charge of the Dolphin as captain, and fall down to Lee Road for orders - -	—	50
„ 8	C.O.S. -	Protection -	For John Cole, ferryman of Battersea, from impress - - - - -	72	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	For 90 men on the Eagle, bound to the East Indies for saltpetre - - - -	72	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For Michael Layton, waterman, from impress - - - - - -	73	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Leonard Johnson to bring rosin, cordage, masts, &c. in any foreign bottom - -	73	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Abr. Drake, Rob. Rodham, and Wm. Elborough „ „ - -	73	—

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1653. Apr. 9	Gens. Monck and Deane.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Michael Davison as carpenter of the Marmaduke - - - -	—	51
" "	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Adriana Duncomb, Helena Van Ringhambar, her little children, and a maid, beyond seas.	74	—
" "	" -	" - -	For John Mayart beyond seas - - - - - - - -	74	—
" 12	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thos. Holland as clerk of the check in the Cock - - - - -	—	52
" "	"	" -	" Edw. Bulstrode " " Hampshire - - - -	—	53
" 13	"	" -	To make out a bill for 150*l.* to Dr. Whistler for attending General Blake in his sickness, as also the sick and wounded in his fleet, and to enable him to return to his duties at Portsmouth.	—	54
" 14*	"	" -	To enter Christ. Deane as gunner, and Geo. Hawkes as cook of the Cock, Giles Ponder as cook of the Essex, and Thos. Griffin cook of the Newcastle.	—	55
" "	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Fras. Dowdes, merchant, beyond seas - - - - - - - -	85	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Sir Wm. Persall and three servants to foreign parts - - - - -	85	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Sir Jas. Bannatyne beyond seas - - - - - - -	85	—
" "	" -	License - -	For Geo. Rookes, merchant of London, to import such goods only named in his petition as relate to shipping.	85	—
" "	" -	" - -	For John Upton " " "	85	—
" 16	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Francis Davy as master in one of the merchant ships now going out in the service of the State.	—	56
" 22	Gens. Deane and Monck.	Capt. Thos. Cheney	To take the command of the Culpeper as captain - - - - - -	—	57
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" 23	Adm. Com	Navy Comrs. -	To enter John Faldo as clerk of the check in the Newcastle - - - -	—	58
" 26	Gens. Dean and Monck	" -	To enter Geo. Weayman as carpenter, and Jno. Ellett as gunner, in the Hopeful pink -	—	59, 60
" 29	C.O.S. -	Customs' Comrs. -	To allow 10,000*l.* worth of cheese and biscuit to be sent custom free to Scotland, for the garrisons, on certificate of Wm. Rowe that it is to be so sent.	4	—
" 30	" -	Customs' Officers at Rye.	For the ships and vessels at Rye to go to sea, the embargo notwithstanding - -	7	—
" "	" -	Dan. Potter and Theod. Jennings, messengers.	To apprehend Fras. Dowdes, John Glasburgh, Martin Brice, and John Coffy, and bring them before Council.	8	—
May 2	" -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow M. de Bordeaux, public minister of the King of France, to transport 30 horses for that king, part being already gone.	10	—

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1653. May 3	C.O.S. -	Governor or storekeeper of Chester Castle.	To deliver to Chas. Walley 50 barrels of powder with match to be sent to Dublin, or whatever he has in store beyond 10 barrels.	14	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Gabriel Barton as gunner in the John and Katherine - - - -	—	61
„ „	C.O.S. -	Lieut.-Col. Worsley and the soldiers at Drury House.	To allow the East India Company to carry away 4,000*l.* part of 10,000*l.* paid them for 300 tons of saltpetre.	15, 16	—
„ 5	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thurston Read as steward of the Newcastle frigate - - - -	—	62
„ 6	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Sieur Thilman Aquilius, sent with a letter from the States General to the commonwealth, to return with his servant, baggage, &c.	29	—
„ 7	„ -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To apprehend Fras. Dowde, suspected of counterfeiting Council's warrants - -	27, 36	—
„ „	„ -	Protection -	From impress for Wm. Baker and Edw. Bushell, for 12 men bringing a prize ship laden with wines from Plymouth to London, they being disabled by the present press for seamen at Plymouth.	37	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	From impress for merchants trading to Morlaix for 12 men to bring their ship laden with linen from Cowes to London, most of their mariners being already pressed.	37	—
„ „	„ -	Edw. Dendy, Serjeant-at-arms.	To receive and keep Theodore Jennings in safe custody for permitting Fras. Dowde, committed for counterfeiting Council's warrants, to escape from his custody.	—	63
„ „	„	Captains and commanders of ships.	To permit the Hopewell of Faversham to pass with Toby Bonnell, who is carrying a letter to the States General from Council.	32	—
„ „	„ -	„ „ and Comrs. of Customs.	To allow the said Bonnell to pass - - - - - - - - -	33	—
„ 9	„ -	Sheriff of Surrey -	To reprieve for a month the execution of Rich. Biggs, prisoner in the Marshalsea, Southwark, and condemned for felony.	42	—
„ 10	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Col. Pride, for his regiment, a barrel of powder, with a double proportion of match.	45	—
„ 11	„ -	„ -	To deliver to Major Biscoe 60 firelocks, 20 pikes, and 80 bandoleer collars, for Sir Wm. Constable's regiment.	46, 52	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For Edw. Barnard, merchant of London, to import pitch, hemp, deals, &c. for the State -	57	—
„ „	„ -	Edw. Shooter, storekeeper at Lynn.	To issue 4 barrels of powder and 80 shot for defence of the town, on petition of the Mayor and aldermen.	51, 57	—
„ 12	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Edw. Barrowes, John Mabbot, and Co. to transport 3,000 birding pieces to Barbary, on security not to carry them where they shall prejudice the State.	62	—

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1653. May 13	C.O.S. -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Lubert Itson, sent with a letter to the commonwealth from the city of Emden, to pass beyond seas.	68	—
" "	" -	" -	To permit Benj. Bonnel, commissary of the Queen of Sweden, to import 20 tuns of French wine, custom free.	68	—
" 14	" -	Keeper of Newgate	To discharge Thos. Herringden if only in custody for the arrest of Sir Thos. Walsingham -	76	—
" "	" -	Commanders of the Little President and Hopewell on the coast of Ireland.	To come to the Land's End, and ply up and down till further orders - - -	76	—
" 16	" -	Edw. Birkenhead -	To deliver to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of St. Margaret's, Westminster, the lower room of the late King's slaughter-house and the yard, to store coals for the poor of Westminster.	82	—
" 17	" -	Protection -	For Peter Perry, merchant of London, bringing a ship from Weymouth to London from impress.	84	—
" "	" -	Pass - -	For Thos. Curtius to Flanders - - - - - - - -	84	—
" "	" -	" - -	For the Little Peter of Mesche in Saintonge to Bristol, on petition of And. Kerbie, merchant of Bristol.	89	—
" "	" -	Commanders of the Bryer and Cock.	To ply towards the coast of France, particularly Dieppe, in such manner as is best for their own safety and the public service.	92	—
" 18	" -	Pass - -	For Phil. Op de Beck, wife, two children, and maid beyond seas - - - -	95	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Alida Russell to Ostend - - - - - - - -	98	—
" "	" -	Commanders of ships, press-masters, &c.	To permit Peter Pery, merchant of London, coming from Bilboa, to retain as many men as will bring his ship to London, many having been pressed at Weymouth.	99	—
" "	" -	License - -	For Wm. Hodgson of London to import 1,000 tons of pitch, cable yarn, cordage, canvas, iron, saltpetre, &c.	107	—
" 20	" -	Protection -	For the St. Paul and the Patriarch Jacob of Hamburg from Havre de Grace to Cadiz, on petition of George Boscheart, and Paul Cobrüse, Flemish merchants, subjects of the King of Spain.	110 119	—
" "	" -	Marshal - General Alsop.	To receive into custody Cornelius Tonnes, Jacob Jacobson, Jan. Ariens, and Marines Lucas, Dutchmen, and keep them safe, as enemies to the commonwealth.	119	—
" 21	" -	Pass - -	For Mrs. Gibson beyond seas - - - - - - - -	121	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Wm. Stafford to foreign parts - - - - - - - -	128	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Mr. Gwin beyond seas - - - - - - - - -	129	—
" "	" -	Comrs. of Customs	For John Gould, merchant, to take up 10 bundles of hemp imported by him - -	133	—

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1653. May 21	C.O.S. -	License - -	For John Chaworth, merchant of London, to import 300 deals and 40 barrels of pitch and tar.	121	—
" "	" -	" - -	For Wm. Jones, merchant, to import hemp, tar, &c. for shipping - - - -	127	—
" "	" -	Protection -	For Jas. Dory from impress, his only brother being in the service, and he the sole stay of his aged parents.	130	—
" "	" -	Keeper of Newgate.	To discharge Roger Filewood, or Filmot, on his request, if only in custody for the arrest of Sir Thos. Walsingham.	129, 133	—
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To make out a bill for 196*l.* 6*s.* to Jno. Preston, apothecary, for drugs for sick and wounded seamen at Portsmouth, as also for 60*l.* for the attendance of himself and two servants upon such seamen, from 6 March to 14 May 1653.	—	64
" 23	C.O.S. -	Mr. Mordaunt and Cockayne.	To appear before Council at 9 a.m. on Wednesday - - - - - - -	138	—
" 24	" -	Comrs. of Customs and Excise.	To permit the import of 19 fatts of loaf sugar, 12 chests of sugar, and other sweetmeats, custom free, for the Ambassador Extraordinary of the King of Portugal.	147	—
" "	" -	Commander of the Lily at Plymouth.	To receive and convey to Scilly money for the pay of the garrison - - - -	146	—
" "	" -	Capt. Alsop, Marshal-General.	To apprehend Lord Mohun, Mr. Bynion, Mr. Trevelian, Mr. Muschamp, Phil. Porter, and Edw. Temple, and bring them before Council.	147	—
" "	" -	License - -	For John Turberville, sheriff of co. Dorset, to go out of the county for his health -	142	—
" 25	Adm. Com.	[Navy Comrs.] -	To enter Thos. Swetnam clerk of the check in the Stork, if there be no other - -	—	65
" 26	C.O.S. -	License - -	For the Earl of Clanrickard to remain in England a month longer after 1 June, his business in order to his transport beyond sea not being yet despatched.	154	—
" 27	" -	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To take into custody Jeffry Browne for treason, he being suspected to have had a hand in the Irish rebellion.	162	—
" "	" -	Customs' officers, Rye.	To permit M. de Bordeaux to export, custom free, 13 horses, residue of 30 allowed to be exported for the French king.	162	—
" 30	" -	Edw. Dendy -	To apprehend Thomas, Raynam, and Hopton Frogmorton, Herb. Parrott, Chas. Bridges, and Wm. Braban, and bring them in safe custody before Council.	165	—
" "	" -	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To receive and keep Wm. Brent on suspicion of treason, and of having a hand in the late Irish rebellion.	166	—
" 31	" -	Pass - -	For Mr. Thomas and his servant beyond seas - - - - - -	171	—
" "	" -	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To take into custody Cornelius Arran de Creakes, captain of the Ostrich, and rear-admiral of the Dutch fleet.	173	—
" "	" -	Protection -	For Thomas son of Chris. Girling, of Richmond, Surrey, from impress, on petition of the father, who has lost two sons in the service, and s dependent on this one in his old age.	173	—

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June 1	C.O.S. -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Major Wigan 200 firelocks with bandoleers for the Lord General's regiment.	182	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit John Trevor to export two saddle horses to France, paying customs - -	183	—
,, ,,	,, -	Sheriff of Surrey -	To reprieve till 1 September Rich. Biggs, condemned to die for felony, and now prisoner at the Marshalsea, Southwark.	182	—
,, ,,	,, -	Hen. Green, captain of a privateer.	To deliver to Thos. Petit, master, the Gift of God of Dieppe, which had a warrant from the late Council of State.	186	—
,, 2	,, -	Sir Chas. Compton and Sir Wm. Farmer.	Both being at Northampton, to appear before Council on 16 June - - -	189, 190	—
,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Jno. Mathewes as clerk of the check, and Griffin Lewis as steward on the Reserve.	—	66, 67
,, 3	,,	,, -	To make out a bill for 20*l.* to Anth. Robins, for fetching ordnance and ammunition from Liverpool, Beaumaris, Bristol, and other ports to London.	—	68
,, ,,	C.O.S. -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow the Spanish Ambassador to export from Dover to Flanders 40 English horses, custom free, on an order of Parliament of 13 April last.	200	—
,, ,,	,, -	Skinner Ryder, and Edw. Holmes.	To appear to answer for cutting down timber in Walwood, Waltham Forest, and to forbear proceedings therein.	198	—
,, ,,	,, -	Wm. Taylor and 16 others.	To appear to answer for being employed by Mr. Ryder therein - - - -	196, 199	—
,, ,,	,, -	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend Wm. Balthazar, and bring him before the Lieutenant of the Tower, or any justice of peace residing near, to answer for robberies and piracies.	199	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of the Mary Rose and William and Thomas.	To sail with the impressed men in the Success at Plymouth, convoying the prize ship and all eastward bound merchantmen to Portsmouth, and wait orders.	200	—
,, ,,	,, -	Officers of customs, commander of the Martin, &c.	To discharge two ships belonging to Norway stayed by the Martin at Yarmouth, in which the late Council of State gave license to Edw. Smith, merchant of London, to import masts, pitch, &c.	201	—
,, 4	,, -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver 400 firelocks and bandoleers to Major Wigan, for the Lord General's regiment -	213	—
,, ,,	,, -	Pass - -	For John Wynn of the Inner Temple beyond seas - - - - - -	215	—
,, 6	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thos. Ayliff as gunner in the Reserve - - - - - -	—	69
,, 7	C.O.S. -	Bailiffs of Yarmouth.	To impress a ketch for sending Geo. Hussey to the fleet on special service - - -	238	—

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June 8	C.O.S. -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Major Wigan 10 drums, and 600 firelocks and bandoleers for the Lord General's regiment, the order for 400 being cancelled.	248 } 244 }	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Godfrey Jones as clerk of the check in the Constant Warwick - - -	—	70
„ „	„ -	„ -	To enter Hen. Hardy as clerk of the check, Jno. Greshy as gunner, and Christ. Deane as boatswain in the Elizabeth.	—	71–73
„ „	C.O.S. -	Col. Owen Rowe -	To be clerk of the check of the out ports in the Custom House office, in place of Jas. Russell.	247	—
„ „	„ -	Jas. Russell -	To deliver to Col. Owen Rowe all books of entries, papers, writings, &c. belonging to the said office.	247	—
„ 9	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Quartermaster Alkington, for Sir Wm. Constable's regiment, 60 firelocks and pairs of bandoleers, 24 pikes, and three drums and halberds.	255	—
„ 10	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To grant a privateer's commission to Thos. Tayte, of the John and Elizabeth, bound on a trading voyage.	259	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of the Great Seal.	To put the seal to a commission sent, and return it to Council - - - -	265	—
„ „	„ -	East India Company.	To deliver to Josias Dewy, John Freeman, and John Semaine, powder-makers, 20 tons of saltpetre contracted for by the Ordnance Committee.	265	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To ship 1,500 shovels, 1,000 spades and pickaxes, and 500 hand-baskets, on such hoys as directed by the Ordnance Committee.	266	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To compensate Hen. Pordage for bringing an express from Capt. Wilkes of the Swan at Harwich.	—	74
„ 11	„ -	„ -	To compensate Hen. Pordage for sending his servant with an express from the fleet -	—	75
„ „	C.O.S. -	Governor or storekeeper of Chester Castle.	To deliver to Chas. Walley for Ireland, all bullets for muskets, carbines, and pistols in the stores.	276	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs at Chester.	To permit Chas. Walley to send, customs' free, 28 boxes of medicaments for the army in Ireland.	276	—
„ 13	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow the Love of Emden to deliver her lading of deals in London or Dover, the late Act of navigation notwithstanding.	291	—
„ „	„ -	Sheriff of co. Montgomery.	To allow sundry wines, sugar, and tobacco, belonging to the late Maj.-Gen. Deane, to be imported customs' free.	292	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	To appear at Whitehall in 10 days after sight - - - - - -	292	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Theop. Browne as carpenter in the Constant Warwick - - - -	—	76
„ 14	„ -	„ -	To enter Rich. Robinson as cook and William Blincoe as gunner, in the Constant Warwick.	—	77, 78
„ „	„ -	„ -	To enter Thomas Herbert as steward in the Phœnix frigate - - - -	—	79

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June 15	C.O.S. -	— Long of Sussex	To appear before Council within four days - - - - - - - -	316	—
„ 16	„ -	Captain of the Lily and prize goods' officers at Plymouth.	On petition of Arnold Beake, and other merchants of London, to free the Angel, which had a pass from the Generals of the fleet, but was taken by the Lily.	333	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Major Fras. Allen 300 muskets, 300 bandoleers, and 100 pikes, for supply of the arms sent to sea with the soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment.	334	—
„ „	„ -	Serjt. Edw. Dendy	To apprehend Thos. Grantham and Thos. Beaumont, and bring them before Council -	334	—
„ „	„ -	„	„ John Higden, Dr. Merrill and Dan. Hale, for refusing to obey the orders of the judges for probate of wills, and to detain them until they obey orders.	321	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter John Winslow as steward in the Constant Warwick - - - -	—	80
„ 17	C.O.S. -	Capt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth.	To convoy five vessels laden with provisions for the forces in Scotland to Leith, Dundee, and Aberdeen, or other ports, and then remain on the coast of Scotland.	347	—
„ „	„ -	Rich. Nutt, master of the State's barges.	To take up and impress barges and watermen, not exceeding 350, for the funeral of Gen. Deane, whose body is to be brought to Westminster by water.	348	—
„ „	„ -	Commander of the James in the Thames.	To convoy the ships now in the Thames bound for Dunkirk, and bring back those ready to sail for London.	349	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs and Excise.	To permit wines, vinegar, sugar, and sweetmeats, imported in the Swallow, for the Ambassador of Portugal, to be landed customs' free.	350	—
„ 18	„ -	Serjeant Dendy -	To apprehend — Elliot, and bring him before Council - - - - - -	361	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to the Lieutenant of the Tower the powder thought necessary to be spent at the funeral of Gen. Deane, and the Lieutenant to make ready the guns.	361	—
„ 20	„ -	„ -	To deliver to Col. Rich. and Lieut.-Cols. Kelsey and Salmon guns to be placed on the banks of the river, for solemnizing the funeral.	363 } 367	—
„ „	„ -	Commander of the Bryer.	On petition of Moses Goodyear, to release the Pigeon, Judith, and Shepherd, detained by him, and permit them to come to London, if only laden with pitch, hemp, and other shipping commodities.	365 } 367	—
„ „	„ -	Customs' Comrs. -	To permit M. de Bourdeaux, public minister from France, to export a suit of tapestry hangings for his own use, customs' free.	368	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy C omrs. -	To enter William Lloyd as clerk of the check, Edm. Ball as gunner, and Robert Bradley as carpenter, in the Half Moon prize.	—	81–83
„ „	„ -	„ -	To enter Fras. Mosse as boatswain, Edward Knight as carpenter, Arthur Minthorne as cook, and Charles Byard as gunner in the Elias prize.	—	84–87

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„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter John Day as boatswain and Christ. Bovey as clerk of the check of the Westergate prize.	—	88, 89
„ „	„ -	„ -	To enter Solomon Hobbs as boatswain of the Hector - - - - -	—	90
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Edw. Moyser as boatswain of the Half Moon prize - - - -	—	91
„ 22	C.O.S. -	Commander of the James, Lee Roads.	To stay in the road, and not with his convoy go to Dunkirk, as 11 or 12 Dutch privateers are thereabouts.	395, 392	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Simon Pierce as carpenter of the Nonsuch - - - - -	—	92
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Edw. Bartlet as boatswain of the Mathias prize - - - - -	—	93
„ 23	„ -	„ -	„ Charles Gaudy as carpenter, and Thomas Nayler as cook of the Katherine prize.	—	94, 95
„ „	„ -	„ -	To enter John Sharpe as clerk of the check in the Convertine - - - -	—	96
„ 24	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Capt. Wm. Hamlin to Flanders - - - - - - -	397	—
„ „	„ -	Commanders of ships, &c.	To allow the Black Eagle of Flushing and the Pen, having brought deputies from the States General to the commonwealth, to return.	400	—
„ „	„ -	Commanders of the Bryer, James, and Plover.	To hasten to Leith, and follow the directions of Col. Lilburne, the two former looking for the Plover, and taking her with them.	401	—
„ 25	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Geo. Barlow clerk of the check in the Matthias prize, and give him directions for managing the trust.	—	97
„ „	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Judith Sandys, with her son and daughter, John and Martha Brown, to Rotterdam -	403	—
„ „	„ -	Treasurers-at-war -	To send to Chester and ship thence the treasure appointed for the forces in Ireland -	409	—
„ „	„ -	Commander of the Primrose, Nightingale, or Cardiff.	To receive the treasure and land it at Dublin, convoying ships from Liverpool or Chester -	409	—
„ 27	„ -	Generals to captains of ships.	On petition of Peter Barr, French merchant of London, to allow the St. Sebastian, a Flemish ship, bought at Portsmouth, to go to Rouen and the Baltic for pitch, tar, &c.	418	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow Wm. Humble, stationer, of London, to import globes and maps for the use of the State.	418	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs and Excise.	To allow the Marquis of Cognac to import 12 tuns of French wine customs' free - -	420	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter John Wall as gunner of the Katherine prize - - - - -	—	98
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Edw. Millam as gunner of the Convert - - - - - -	—	99

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1653. June 27	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter Richard Kinsman as clerk of the check in the Hector	—	100
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Cuthbert Allinson as gunner of the Westergoe	—	101
,, 28	,,	,,	,, Daniel Vesey as boatswain of the Katherine	—	102
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, John Miller as gunner of the Rosebush	—	103
,, ,,	,,	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Thos. Lamb, merchant of London, to import 10 hds. of pinwire and 12 bales of Ozenburg linen, he having had a former warrant for these, with goods necessary for shipping, which he has imported.	433	—
,, 29	,,	Navy Comrs.	To enter William Otee as steward of the Mary prize	—	104
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Fras. Ingram as steward of the Welcome	—	105
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Andrew Ellis as cook of the Half Moon prize	—	106
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, John Addison as carpenter of the Pelican prize	—	107
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Joseph Anderson as steward of the Hector	—	108
,, 30	,,	,,	,, William Middleton as carpenter of the Hector	—	109
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Wm. Lovell as carpenter of the Adam and Eve	—	110
,, ,,	C.O.S.	Generals and captains of ships.	On petition of Mat. Holworthy and Benj. Whetcombe, to allow them to import from Toulon 300 tons of currants in an English, or any other ship.	464	—
,, ,,	,,	Generals and captains of ships and press-masters.	To permit the Judith of London to proceed on her voyage to the western islands, with 26 men free of impress.	463	—
,, ,,	,,	Lords Comrs. of the Great Seal.	To issue a commission to John Corbett to be chief judge of cos. Glamorgan, Brecon, and Radnor, Lord Gen. Cromwell and Council being satisfied of his abilities.	469	—
,, ,,	,,	Clement Oxenbridge and others.	To permit John Manley, who has farmed the inland and foreign posts, to enter upon the execution of such offices.	—	111

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1652. Dec. 6	[Gualter Frost] - -	Thos. Scott - -	For carrying on intelligence - -	500 0 0	35	—	—
„ 9	Sir Jno. Wollastone and the late Treasurers-at-war.	Capt. John Whitworth or Jas. Wainwright.	Balance for 40 tons of cheese delivered at Carlingford for the forces there.	119 17 6	—	3	157
„ „	[Gualter Frost] - -	Edw. Carter - -	On account of work and materials in repair of Greenwich and the out-houses, from July to Sept. last.	553 4 2	61	—	—
„ „	Late Treasurers-at-war	Capt. Whitworth or Jas. Wainwright.	In full for 40 tons of cheese, delivered at Carlingford for the forces in Ireland.	119 17 6	61	—	—
„ 10	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Wm. Brooks - -	For losses and service as pilot under Sir Geo. Ayscue in his expedition to the Barbadoes.	20 19 9	69	—	—
„ 13	Sir John Wollastone, &c.	Wm. Leman and John Blackwell, jun.	For pay of the forces in Ireland - -	28,000 0 0	—	2	158
„ 14	„ -	Gaulter Frost - -	For incident charges and expenses of the Council of State.	5,000 0 0	—	3	159
„ „	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Wm. Brookes - -	For service as pilot to the Hopeful prize under Sir G. Ayscue, in the expedition to Barbadoes.	20 19 9	84	1	—
„ 16	John Jackson - -	John Wallop, master of the Anne and Alice.	For loss of his anchor and cable, and his ship's being detained 10 days at Guernsey, pursuing and chasing vessels that came to relieve Cornet Castle.	6 13 4	106	4	—
„ „	Maj.-Gen. Harrison -	Joshua Woolnough -	For 50 ells of canvas for the forts at Yarmouth.	3 12 11	108	4	—
„ „	John Jackson - -	Elizabeth, widow of Gabriel Heatley, surgeon to a regiment in Ireland.	On account of his disbursements of 1,000*l.* for medicaments for the soldiery in Ireland.	30 0 0	111	5	—
„ „	Maj.-Gen. Harrison -	David Davidson -	For cordage, brimstone, rosin, &c. as detailed, for the garrisons in Scotland.	36 0 2	108	5	—
„ „	„ -	Ant. Handcock -	For priming, stopping, and painting 101 field carriages, 2 mortar piece carriages, and 5 guns.	52 7 10	109	6	—
„ „	„ -	Dan. Judd - -	For 30 cwt. of English match, and 6 tons of match Flemish spun and English made.	136 10 0	109	6	—

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1652. Dec. 16	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Douciball, widow of Hen. Arnold, master of the John.	For loss of her husband, cast away in the service, leaving four children.	40	0	0	107	7	—
„ 21	John Jackson - -	Jas. Powell of Bristol -	For disbursements for the voyage of Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood, his retinue and horses, to Ireland.	238	16	2	129	7	—
„ „	Sir J. Wollaston, &c. -	Thos. Lagoe and three others.	In part of 1,350*l.* for 50 tons of Cheshire cheese for the forces in Ireland.	675	0	0	129	8	160
„ 22	[Gualter Frost] -	Major Burton - -	For finishing the works at Yarmouth -	515	5	11½	134	—	—
„ 27	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Peter Bowen, Lieutenant of the Garland.	For losses in the ship, when, after a stout defence, it was overpowered by the Dutch.	50	0	0	153	8	—
„ „	„ „ -	Joan, widow of John Countrey, boatswain of the Vanguard.	For loss of her husband and his servants slain in the late fight with the Holland fleet.	40	0	0	153	9	—
„ „	John Jackson - -	Mat. Lock - -	For service as clerk to the Irish and Scotch Committee from 24 June last to 22 Dec.	49	0	0	153	9	—
„ „	„ - -	Jas. Chetwind -	For service at the said Irish and Scotch Committee from 24 June last to 22 Dec.	25	0	0	153	10	—
„ „	„ - -	Denis Gauden - -	For 100 cwt. of biscuit delivered for the Scottish prisoners on their first being brought to town.	80	0	0	153	10	—
„ „	Maj.-Gen. Harrison -	John Hooper - -	For half a year's salary as clerk of the Ordnance Committee.	50	0	0	154	11	—
„ 28	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Rob. Webster, sutler of Walmer Castle.	For victuals for Thos. Freind, prisoner in the castle for 18 months, and 4*d.* a day from the tenths of prizes in future.	10	0	0	—	11	—
„ „	[Gual. Frost] -	Peter Pett - -	For carrying the Resolution into the Downs, and the Sovereign into Lee road.	30	0	0	158	—	—
„ „	Sir John Wollaston, &c.	Ensign John Leak -	Gratuity for conducting 62 recruits from Chester to Ireland.	6	4	0	159	—	—
„ 29	John Jackson - -	Haggai Barker, master of the Magdalen of Dover.	For loss and damage to the ship, in the service of reducing Jersey.	20	0	0	160	12	—
„ „	„ - -	John Green, fishmonger of London, assignee of Edm. York, master of the William of London.	For freight of 200 men sent from Col. Berkstead's regiment to Dundee.	70	0	0	160	12	—

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1652. Dec. 30	Maj.-Gen. Harrison -	John Pills, carpenter, and Thos. Norfolk, bricklayer.	For materials and workmanship of a new proof-house in the Artillery garden.	92	7	7	170	13	—
„ „	Sir John Wollaston, &c.	Lieut.-Col. John Mayor, for Lieut. Edw. Pilkington.	For conducting 184 soldiers out of Sir Arthur Hesilrigge's regiment to Dublin, in part of 18*l.* 8*s.* ordered.	14	7	8	—	14	161, 162
„ „	„ -	Treasurer of East India Company.	On account for one third of the price of 300 tons of saltpetre delivered into the stores.	10,000	0	0	172	16	163
„ „	Maj.-Gen. Harrison -	Jeffry Fleetwood and five other clerks, and Jonas Harcourt, messenger in the Ordnance Office.	For their several expenses specified in travelling to Chatham, Dover, Portsmouth, &c. to take the remains of gunners' stores on the State's ships, on their return from sea.	170	10	0	171	14	—
„ „	„ -	Thos. Gould - -	For 48 old iron demi-culverins, and nine sackers, delivered into the stores.	874	8	1½	171	15	—
„ „	„ -	John Eldridge, master of the Unity of Yarmouth.	For freight of 82½ tons of ordnance and ammunition from the Tower to Yarmouth.	30	18	9	171	15	—
„ 31	Haberdashers' Hall Comrs.	— Knap - -	For the use of his house in Wallingford Castle for the public 6¼ years.	125	0	0	175	—	
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Jan. 4	Jno. Jackson - -	Lieut.-Col. Mayor for Lieut. Pilkington and others.	Balance for conducting 184 private soldiers out of Sir Arthur Hesilrigge's regiment to Ireland.	4	0	4	190	19	—
„ „	„ - -	Ensign Edm. Leake -	For conducting 62 soldiers out of Col. Berkstead's regiment to Ireland.	6	4	0	190	19	—
„ „	[Gualter Frost] -	Eliz. Alkin - -	For good services to the public - -	10	0	0	186	—	—
„ 6	„ -	John le Grosse -	For intelligence given to Council - -	2	0	0	202	—	—
„ 7	„ -	John, son of Col. Fras. West, late Lieut. of the Tower.	For disbursements for prisoners at 5*s.* a week	122	2	0	210	—	—
„ 14	Commissioners for Dutch Prizes.	Capt. Jno. Coppin -	Towards his cure, having had his leg shot off in an engagement with the Dutch, 23 Sept. last.	100	0	0	249	20	—
„ „	[Gualter Frost] -	Fras. Hacker, for John Madock, Mayor of Plymouth.	For disbursements in keeping a small vessel at sea for intelligence.	14	0	0	251	—	—

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1653. Jan. 18	Edw. Keeling - -	Hen. Kenion - -	For disbursements and charges of the 21st double shallop, on certificate from the Committee of Trinity House.	4	0	0	—	21	—
„ „	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Frances, widow of Wm. Stowers, master's mate of the Victory.	For her relief, her husband being slain in the service.	20	0	0	—	24	—
„ 20	Sir Jno. Wollastone, &c.	———	To be sent to Ireland for pay of the forces there.	14,000	0	0	—	21	—
„ 21	[Gualter Frost] - -	———	For repairing one of the blockhouses at Hull, and making up the boom.	600	0	0	278	—	—
„ 25	John Jackson - -	George Nicholls for Ensign Lewis.	For conducting 27 private soldiers, recruits, from Bristol to Cork.	2	14	0	—	22	—
„ 28	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Anne, widow of Ralph Bowers, master of the Ruby frigate.	For relief of herself and five children, having lost her husband in the service.	40	0	0	—	23	—
„ „	„ „ -	Eliz., widow of Thos. Ashby, minister in the Phœnix.	For her relief, having lost her husband in the service.	50	0	0	—	23	—
„ „	„ „ -	Susan, widow of John Buck, quartermaster of the Phœnix.	For the relief of herself and three children, having lost her husband in the service.	30	0	0	—	24	—
„ „	John Jackson - -	Wm. Cleoment and Robert Morris.	For 80 flock beds and bolsters, and 80 black and white rugs, for two foot companies in the Tower.	102	13	4	—	25	—
„ „	Sir Jno. Wollastone, &c.	Denis Gauden - -	Balance for oatmeal for Ireland, reserved pending a question about freight.	60	0	0	—	25	111
„ „	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Susanna, widow of Lieut. Jno. Purvis of the Resolution.	For the relief of herself and four children, having lost her husband in the service.	40	0	0	—	26	—
„ „	John Jackson - -	Rich. Denmead and Edw. Stacey, owners of the Margaret of Lymington.	For damage done to their bark, split in reducing Jersey, in addition to 10*l.* formerly paid.	5	0	0	—	26	—
„ „	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Stephen Nicholls -	For services in capturing the Marmaduke from Prince Rupert.	15	0	0	—	27	—
„ „	„ „ -	Eliz., widow of Thos. Low, corporal of the James.	For relief of herself and four children, having lost her husband in the service.	30	0	0	—	27	—

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1653. Jan. 28	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Capt. Jno. Coppin, commander of the Speaker.	For the loss of his leg in the service -	100 0 0	—	28	—
Feb. 1	[Gualter Frost] -	M. Augier - -	For employment of his secretary in France, at 10*s.* a day, from 24 Sept. to 24 Jan.	61 0 0	319	—	—
" "	" -	Major Fawconer -	For services to the public - - -	20 0 0	319	—	—
" 2	" -	Mayor of Dover -	Towards the cure of sick and wounded men from the fleet.	500 0 0	333	—	—
" "	Major-Gen. Harrison -	George Browne and Thos. Foley.	For new casting useless brass ordnance into 15 demi-cannon.	903 9 9	—	30	—
" 4	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Margerie, widow of Hen. Austen, purser of the Garland.	For relief for self and child, her husband being slain in the service.	40 0 0	I. 39. —	31	—
" 7	John Jackson - -	Charles Walley -	For freight of 65 soldiers out of Col. Barkstead's regiment to recruit Capt. Nunns' company in Ireland.	9 0 0	—	20	—
" 9	[Gualter Frost] -	Thos. Kitchingman -	For intelligence and service - -	6 0 0	32	—	—
" "	" -	Art. Hawkes of Harwich.	For disbursements in keeping up a small scout boat, by order of Council.	9 0 0	35	—	—
" 10	" -	Major Fawconer -	On account of intelligence - - -	10 0 0	36	—	—
" "	" -	Marchamont Nedham -	For great labour in translating Mr. Selden's book, *Mare clausam.*	200 0 0	37	—	—
" 11	" -	Elizabeth, widow of David Farmer, servant to Council.	For relief, considering the low condition in which she was left.	20 0 0	47	—	—
" "	Jno. Jackson - -	Lieut.-Col. Salmon for Ensign Ledgard and other officers.	For travel and charge in conducting 40 recruits from Hull to Dublin.	4 8 0	—	31	—
" "	Major-Gen. Harrison -	Sam. Law - -	For attendance in oiling, proving, and cleaning swords, in the stores, from 16 March last to 3 Feb.	27 0 0	—	32	—
" 16	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Claes Alderson -	For services in bringing the St. Michael from Rupert's fleet to General Blake at Weymouth.	20 0 0	—	32	—

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1653. Feb. 16	Jasper Clutterbock, Receiver-General for co. Gloucester.	Sir Wm. Constable -	For disbursements at Gloucester for its security during the invasion by the Scotch, from the balance in his hands of assessments raised on the Militia Act.	147 10 0	—	33	—
„ 17	[Gualter Frost] -	Stephen Harris, keeper of Ilchester gaol.	For disbursements in keeping prisoners committed by order of Council.	78 2 8	81	—	—
„ 20	„ -	[Hen.] Symball -	For diligence in bringing a despatch from the fleet.	10 0 0	84	—	—
„ 21	„ -	John Durie - -	For service as library keeper for two years past, and for his late journey to Sweden.	100 0 0	86	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ and — Ingelo.	For preparations for their appointed journey to Sweden with Viscount Lisle, 100*l.* each.	200 0 0	86	—	—
„ „	„ -	Wm. Davenport, marshal of Chester.	For keeping prisoners committed to him -	409 10 0	88	—	—
„ 22	„ -	Edw. Proctor, waterman.	For bringing a packet of good news to the Admiralty Committee.	5 0 0	94	—	—
„ „	„ -	Thos. White - -	To enable him to print a book of his, on behalf of the public.	20 0 0	96	—	—
„ „	Major-Gen. Harrison -	Fras. Bethum - -	For bringing 186 barrels of powder from Warwick Castle to the Tower.	40 0 0	I. 40. —	33	—
„ 23	Gualter Frost - -	— Ayfleet, serjeant's deputy to Council.	For service and wounds received while executing Council's warrant.	40 0 0	10	—	—
„ „	„ -	Rich. Townson -	For good service to the public - -	10 0 0	13	—	—
„ „	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Agnes, widow of Thos. Green, master of the Phœnix.	For the relief of herself and children, her husband having been slain in the fight with the Dutch in the Mediterranean Sea.	40 0 0	—	34	—
„ 25	Major-Gen. Harrison -	Labourers in the Ordnance Office.	For extra services at the rate of 5*l.* each -	100 0 0	—	34	—
„ „	„ -	Clerks and messengers in Ordnance Office.	„ being 30*l.* to the clerk's assistant, and 20*l.* each to the others.	170 0	—	35	—
Mar. 2	[Gualter Frost] -	Hen. Symball, messenger.	On a Parliament order, for bringing the letter from the Generals of the fleet, with an account of the late action against the Dutch.	20 0 0	35	—	—

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1653. Mar. 4	[Gualter Frost] -	Fras. Deakins - -	Repayment of monies given to the serjeant for paying off supernumeraries.	15 10 0	48	—	—
„ 7	„ -	Rob. Douglas, Jas. Hamilton, John Smith, and And. Ker.	For defraying their charges, being discharged from the Tower by Council's order.	100 0 0	50	—	—
„ 9	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Capt. Jno. Coppin -	For expenses incurred in cure of his leg, shot in the fight with the Dutch fleet, for service in taking several prizes last summer, and in lieu of all claim for wages.	250 0 0	—	38	—
„ „	Major-Gen. Harrison -	Katherine Byworth -	For the use of her servants, carts, and horses, carrying ammunition, &c. from the Tower to the wharf, to be shipped for Yarmouth.	3 9 6	—	38	—
„ „	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Sarah, widow of Capt. Geo. Blake of the Tresco.	For relief of herself and children, her husband having been lost at the reducing of Jersey.	100 0 0	—	39	—
„ „	Major-Gen. Harrison -	Wm. Gardner, junr. -	For repairing 200 matchlock and 407 snaphance muskets brought from Scotland.	226 3 10	—	39	—
„ „	„ -	Jno. Pitt - -	For two block guns for the fortifications at Yarmouth.	13 0 0	—	40	—
„ „	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Capt. Wm. Brandley of the Portsmouth frigate.	For the loss of his right hand in fight with 12 Holland men-of-war, and the great expenses of his cure.	200 0 0	—	40	—
„ 10	Jasper Clutterboeck, Receiver-General for co. Gloucester.	Hen. Fletcher - -	For disbursements at Gloucester for the service, from his balance of militia assessments.	48 7 10	—	41	—
„ 14	[Gualter Frost] -	Drs. Prideaux and Bates	For their pains in their journey to Gen. Blake at Portsmouth, 50*l.* each.	100 0 0	76	—	—
„ 15	„ -	Capt. Compton -	For pains and hazard in his journey to Denmark with Bradshaw, the resident lately sent.	100 0 0	80	—	—
„ 17	„ -	— Birkenhead -	For late good services - - -	100 0 0	91	—	—
„ „	Rich. Hatter - -	Geo. Errington, master of the Prosperous of Newcastle.	For freight of 93 tons 17 cwt. of ordnance carriages, &c. sent to Leith in Scotland by Commissary Phipps, for the army.	55 10 6	—	41	—

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1653. Mar. 17	Sir Jno. Wollastone, &c.	Collectors for Prize Goods.	For 733 qrs. of French wheat shipped in the Meuse for the forces in Ireland.	1,026	4	0	—	42	—
„ 18	[Gualter Frost] -	Lady Jane Blayney -	On a Parliament order of 13 March, to pay her debts here and transport herself to Ireland.	300	0	0	94	—	—
„ „	„ -	— Hartlib - -	For disbursements in the service - -	100	0	0	96	—	—
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„ 21	„ -	Major John Anderson -	To transport himself beyond seas - -	10	0	0	1	—	—
„ 31	Geo. Hussey, messenger.	Charles Zimzan -	For disbursements bringing from Scotland into the wardrobe goods sent for the Commissioners of Parliament in Scotland.	4	18	10	—	42	—
„ „	Sir Jno. Wollastone, &c.	T. Lagoe, T. Browne, F. Brayne, and Robt. Cooke.	For 50 tons of Cheshire cheese delivered in Ireland for the forces there.	300	0	0	—	43	112
„ „	Rich. Hatter - -	Geo. Rowell - -	For repairing 480 tents in the magazine at Gloucester, for the forces in Scotland.	34	18	8	—	43	—
„ „	Sir Jno. Wollastone, &c.	Edw. Raddon for the owners of the Hope of Plymouth.	For her freight with 2,310 bags of biscuit to Ireland, 120*l.* whereof is for demurrage, for want of convoy.	475	8	6	—	44	113
„ „	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Jno. Plass, gunner of the Garland.	For wounds and losses received in the fight with the Dutch when the ship was lost.	20	0	0	—	44	—
„ „	John Jackson - -	Fras. Titan - -	For stationery for the Commissioners in Ireland.	9	4	2	—	45	—
Apr. 1	Collectors for Prize Goods.	John Axon, boatswain of the Anthony Bonadventure.	For the loss of his leg in the fight with the Dutch fleet.	20	0	0	—	48	—
„ „	Sir Jno. Wollastone, &c.	Rich. Smith, master of the Blessing of London.	For freight of 15 tons of biscuit from London to Limerick, for the forces there.	23	4	6	—	48	114
„ „	Wm. Leman and Jno. Blackwell, junr.	Thos. Waring - -	For services in taking the examinations concerning the murders in Ireland during the rebellion, and printing and publishing somewhat on that subject, and to enable him to return to Ireland; 80*l.* to be paid here, and 40*l.* on his arrival at Chester.	120	0	0	—	49	—

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1653. Apr. 4	Gualter Frost - -	Eliz. Alkin - -	For care of the sick and wounded at Portsmouth, and in their passage to London.	13	6	8	57	—	—
„ 13	„ -	Edw. Carter - -	For repairs of Whitehall, the Parliament House, Mews, and Somerset House, for six months, ending 31 March last.	1,307	2	3	81	-	—
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May 7	Commissioners of Dutch Prizes.	John Thurloe - -	For exigencies of Council - - -	200	0	0	31	—	—
„ 14	Rich. Hatter - -	Jas. Kendall - -	For carrying soldiers to Leith, from the 15,000*l.* ordered him by the late Council for recruits in Scotland.	25	0	0	74	—	—
„ „	Present Treasurers-at-war.	Roger Carlisle, Walter Benge, and Rich. Gyles.	For the first proportion of materials of arms, as by contract, out of 3,000*l.* paid them by Wollaston and the late Treasurers-at-war, for horses, &c. for the recruits in Ireland.	272	9	2	74	—	—
„ „	„ -	Capt. Simon Everenden	Balance due for 1,047 qrs. 4 bushels of wheat delivered at Portsmouth for Ireland, by order of the Army Committee.	333	2	6	74	—	—
„ 20	Major-Gen. Harrison -	George Fisher - -	For extra service as deputy storekeeper and furbisher to the small gun office in the Tower, and receiving and keeping arms brought in.	40	0	0	118	—	—
„ „	„ -	John Hooper, Ordnance clerk.	For one quarter's salary - - -	25	0	0	118	—	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	50*l.* each for extra service - - -	200	0	0	118	—	—
June 1	Admiralty Committee -	Sarah Perrie, widow -	On her petition and the Admiralty Committee's report, from tenths of prizes.	10	0	0	184	—	—
„ „	Haberdashers' Hall Committee.	Jane, widow of Col. John Meldrum.	In part of a larger sum, that she may return to her habitation.	20	0	0	185	—	—
„ 3	Army Committee -	Mr. Laxton and Hopkinson.	For medicaments, &c. by them sent into Ireland.	505	16	1	198	—	—
„ „	Gualter Frost - -	Capt. Rich. Wagstaffe -	For 500 beds to the 500 soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment.	5	13	0	198	—	—

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1653.				£	s.	d.	I. 69.	I. 104.	Vol. XLIV.
June 9	Jasper Clutterbock, Receiver of co. Gloucester.	Capt. Thos. Beale -	For disbursements for maintenance of prisoners at war, from militia moneys.	22	11	5½	253	—	—
„ „	John Jackson - -	„ -	For officers conducting 30 recruits from Bristol to Waterford.	3	0	0	253	—	—
„ „	Treasurers-at-war -	Rich. Keyman -	Balance due for carrying Tories from Ireland to Flanders, from the balance of 3,000*l.* for horses to recruit the troops in Ireland.	100	0	0	254	—	—
„ „	„ -	Randall Morgan	For like service - - - -	74	0	0	254	—	—
„ 11	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Wm. Cullen, Mayor of Dover.	In part for disbursements for sick and wounded seamen and soldiers.	958	11	7	264	—	—
„ 14	[Gual. Frost] -	Thos. Wright - -	For service to Council - - -	11	3	0	294	—	—
„ 15	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Commissary - Gen. Whalley.	To be disbursed by the Committee for Prisoners, for the Dutch prisoners sent in.	500	0	0	303	—	—
„ „	Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners.	Rich. Mimling -	In full of all demands on an order of Parliament.	70	0	0	308	—	—
„ „	Treasurers on the Additional Act for sale of delinquents' lands.	Treasurers of the East India Company.	Second payment of one third for 300 tons of saltpetre for the State.	10,000	0	0	—	—	115
„ 16	John Jackson -	Jos. Dobbins of the Peter of London.	For satisfaction of his losses - -	40	0	0	336	—	—
„ 17	Gualter Frost - -	Sir Oliver Fleming -	On account from the exigent monies of Council.	200	0	0	341	—	—
„ „	Commissioners for Dutch Prizes.	Col. Rich and Lieut.-Cols. Kelsey and Salmon.	For the funeral of General Deane - -	400	0	0	339	—	—
„ „	„ „ -	Rob. Blackborne -	For the same, to be issued on directions of Rich, Kelsey, and Salmon.	400	0	0	342	—	—
„ „	„ „ -	Sam. Hawkes - -	For relief, being wounded and maimed in the service.	60	0	0	370	—	—

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June 22	[Gualter Frost] -	Col. Edw. Sexby -	From exigencies of Council - -	300	0	0	390	—	—
„ 25	Treasurers-at-war -	Jas. Powell, of Bristol	Balance of his disbursements, and giving him a discharge for 400*l.* paid him on account.	363	15	0	411	—	—
„ „	John Jackson - -	Mat. Lock - -	For 26 weeks' salary to 23 June - -	49	0	0	412	—	—
„ „	„ - -	Jas. Chetwind -	„ „ - -	25	0	0	412	—	—
„ 27	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Rachel, widow of Walter Hoxon, captain of the Ant. Bonadventure.	For relief for herself and children, her husband being slain in the service.	300	0	0	415	—	—
„ 30	Capt. Thos. Faucon-bridge.	Hen. Whitfield and Hum. Ellis.	Ordered by the Revenue Committee as augmentation of their salaries as preachers at Winchester.	170	0	0	449	—	—
„ „	„ -	Fras. Taylor - -	The same as divinity lecturer in Christ's Church.	100	0	0	450	—	—
„ „	„ -	John Brayne - -	A yearly augmentation for which he has a warrant from the Revenue Committee.	100	0	0	451	—	—
„ „	Lieutenant of the Tower	Gualter Frost -	From the new coined money, for contingencies of Council.	5,000	0	0	451	—	—

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1652.				Vol. XXIX.
Dec. 1	Thos. Scott - -	Navy Com^rs	Intended to put the Sussex frigate into petty warrant, but she not having a cook, will continue the mate on board wages at 8*s*. per week. Has entertained men at Blackwall upon the Adventure frigate; desires two more bills for 20*l*. each. The two new frigates are ready for tallowing. The captain of the Concord at Tilbury Hope wants men and officers.	79
" "	Thos. Marriott, *Bristol.*	"	Narrative of his journey to Ireland and back as convoy. Wants an order for a cable and boatswains' and gunners' stores, and to tallow. Is ordered to ply between Scilly and Kinsale. A Fleming off Milford, of 22 guns, boarded a ship from France belonging to Daniel Skinner of Dover, and took 30 hhds. of brandy, some bales of linen, and other plunder, and would have taken the salt, but they did not know what to do with it.	80
" "	Jeremy Weddell -	"	Petition for the command of a ship, having been active in the service. With certificate of fitness by Capt. Edw. Hall and six others.	81, 82
" 2	Capt. Stephen Rose, *Convert, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Received order from Capt. Peacock, commander of the northern squadron, to go to Tynemouth, to convoy home the laden colliers, and after waiting 14 days for a southerly wind for them, was ordered to stay for the latter fleet of 300 sail; after 19 days' more waiting, came over the bar with 120 sail, and arrived in Yarmouth Roads the 30th, with the gallantest fleet that has come through this year. Is now going to Wells to fetch a convoy with State's provisions for London, and will then repair to Harwich.	83
" "	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	The Mermaid and Amity have their provisions, but want men. The Mary has had hoys of beer by her side three or four days, but there are no men to stow it. The Assistance might have been graved and her guns mounted, but there is no tallow, and the Nonsuch and Assurance cannot be dispatched for want of timber. Several of the ships are so over-weighted with guns that it is hazardous. If the captains will go to sea without tallowing, their provisions may be sent. Wants timber, rosin, &c.	84
" 3	Rich. Pupplett and Nich. Phillipps, bailiffs of *Ipswich.*	—	List of 31 mariners impressed by order of the Council of State - - - - -	85
" 4	Giles Barrow, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Account of ships which arrived in and sailed from the Hope during Nov. 1652, with the number of men and boys on each. Will send up the muster books for the Happy Entrance, Fairfax, and Swan.	86
" "	Richard Meade, *Bristol.*	"	Complaint against Capt. Thos. Marriott of the Discovery, for selling victuals, casks, &c., and not giving him an account as purser; also against the captain's son, who, although master's mate, is staying in Ireland upon merchants' affairs, and is plentifully supplied with money out of a prize they took.	87
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com^rs	Sends copies of their letters to the Navy Committee, understanding that some of the matters are within their province.	88
" "	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	T. Turner	Account of men entered on board the Mermaid and three other ships fitting at Chatham - -	89

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1652. Dec. 5	Nich. Lucy - -	Rich. Hill	Will sail to-morrow. Will have to press what men he may want, and has received a warrant, but the seamen do not much value it, and will not stay on board whilst in the river.	90
" "	Capt. Robert Clarke, *Reserve, Kinsale River.*	Irish Com.	Went to Lundy with a convoy. Met Capt. Wallis at Kinsale, and left him there to victual. Has been ranging between the Blaskets and Cape Clear. Met several merchantmen and convoyed them into Cork and Kinsale. The Expedition is ready for sea, but as the victuallers refuse to victual her, she will have to go to London; the Swan will be only provided for two months, as they have no beer or provisions fit for her. Will take the provisions for Galway which are not yet gone. The Providence and Tenth Whelp are gone home, and the Sun and Hector are upon the coast. Knows of no ship there fit to go to Biscay, to convey the soldiers, and bring home their money.	91
" 6	"	Navy Com^rs	Capt. Wallis will have to return to England for victuals, as the victuallers refuse him any here, he not being of the winter guard. Will convoy merchant ships arrived from Malaga, West Indies, &c., and Capt. Wallis will convoy those about the Land's End. There is a great want of stores, and the mariners have 20 months' pay due. Has only the Hector and Sun at Kinsale.	92
" "	Barth. Yate, *Shields*	"	Cannot furnish himself at Shields, as the prize is sold with all her anchors and cables; Capt. Pestell, with the Satisfaction, has gone to Hull to victual, and will come to Shields to convoy a vessel to Inverness, by order of Major-Gen. Deane; he could bring back from Hull what is wanted, if he has order or money. The Major-General left Durham for London yesterday, and Capt. Wyard with the coal fleet went hence the 4th inst.	93
" 7	" -	"	Will be laden by the 21st; hopes the cables, anchors, and sails will arrive by that time from London.	94
" "	Thos. Greene, *Dover* -	"	Account of ships, &c. The Crow, a French man-of-war, is the only vessel now fitting out. Requires order for staying the tar, hemp, and other stores in the Danish and Hamburg ships that have been stayed at Dover, and cleared by the Council of State, whose owners would sell the same if they had license. Asks how the Blessing of Shoreham, with stores for the ships, is to be disposed of, and what number of men has been appointed for the Crow. Wants 200*l.* by John Edwards, the Dover post, to pay workmen and tradesmen fitting out ships. 400 Holland ships went by yesterday.	95
" "	John Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	"	Repairs of ships. The Guinea has been tallowed and will soon be ready, if seamen are not wanting, and all the victuals will be ready by the end of the week. There are several private men-of-war in these parts, who draw off our men from the State's ships.	96
" "	P. Beel, *Portsmouth*	—	List of sails, flags, canvas, &c. required in the stores - - - - - -	97
" "	Philip Francis, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com.	Sends his account, 14*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*, for necessaries supplied when he was mayor, to Sir Geo. Ayscue's fleet, and desires payment.	98

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Dec. 7	Wm. Ledgant, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Was forced by contrary winds into Falmouth, where he found the Marmaduke and Old President, who reported that the Holland fleet was about; thence came to Plymouth, where he found the Diamond, commanded by Capt. Martin, who gave him orders from the Council of State not to budge. Has a charge of guns on board, brought from Chester and Liverpool.	99
" "	Geo. Strelley, *Plymouth.*	"	Shall soon have the ships ready to sail, if not hindered for want of powder. The seamen are unwilling to enter until the commanders and officers are known. Shall want cordage, and that remaining is valued at 50*s.* a cwt. Has charged two bills upon the Navy Treasurer, for 100*l.* and 50*l.*, and desires their acceptance. The Diamond has brought in a Holland prize with sack, wool, tobacco, logwood, &c., worth between 10,000*l.* and 12,000*l.*, with the loss of one man and four or five wounded.	100
" "	Mr. Freeman -	—	Note of pitch and tar in the Fortune of Bruges - - - - - - -	101
" 8	Wm. Pennoyer -	Major Thompson and Mr. Smith.	Recommends Christian Santen for employment - - - - - - -	102
" "	Commr. P. Pett, *Triumph, Nore Head.*	Navy Com[rs]	The Mermaid has sailed to Gillingham, but wants men. The Mary prize has taken in her beer, but is waiting for other provisions, also the Amity and Assistance. Asks if the Rainbow is needed in haste; the great want is men.	103
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	"	Asks whether to sheathe three Flemish prizes, which are to be fitted out for sea; wants timber for the mast-maker at Deptford to cheek the masts.	104
" "	[Adm. Com.] -	Major Thompson.	Note that he is to inform the Council of State of the returns made by the press-masters, and that the mariners sent to the ships at Woolwich have refused to serve, as there are no victuals on board, through the victuallers' not being paid. To present Mr. Green's papers from Dover concerning the East country provisions, and also the watermen's propositions.	105
" 9	John Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends certificate of the defects and wants of the Pearl. Asks a warrant for Geo. Woolfey, boatswain of the Fox, to supersede the boatswain of the Guinea, he being sick; also a supply for the stores. A private man-of war just come in reports 150 Dutch ships off the Isle of Wight.	106, 107
" "	Capt. Wm. Kendall, *Success (I. of Wight.)*	J. Tippetts	A private man-of-war has put in again on account of the Dutch fleet of 170 sail, which is lurking very near the island. Many guns have been heard.	108
" "	Robert Sansum, *Bryer frigate, Lynn.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has tallowed and revictualled, but wants a cable, being appointed 'as convoy for the ships about Lynn.	109
" "	Capt. Thos. Vallis, *Expedition, Plymouth.*	"	Particulars of his employment in carrying victuals to the fleet on the Irish coast under Capt. Robert Clarke. Has written the Council of State for orders; his men want clothes, being 20 months without wages. Cannot sail thence without order, as are several Dutch men-of-war riding in the Channel.	110
" "	" -	C.O.S. -	Similar letter, with note of reference to Admiralty Committee - - - - -	111

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Dec. 9	Gen. Robt. Blake, *Triumph.*	Navy Com^rs	Recommends Thos. Lewis, purser of the Speaker when before Lisbon, and very forward in the service, for the Resolution, in place of Phineas Pett, appointed assistant to the Master Shipwright at Chatham.	112
„ 10	Hen. Johnson, *Deptford.*	„	Having a warrant to press caulkers for the Centurion, offered 3*s.* a day, but can only procure four or five, most part of the able men being in the river.	113
„ „	Com. P. Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Asks a warrant to impress 300 or 400 seamen for the ships fitting out at Chatham. Wants a master for the Assistance and Mary, and a captain for the Mary. Phil. Langford of Redriffe is master of the Amity.	114
„ „	Rob. Vessey, *Truelove, Liverpool water.*	„	Has convoyed a vessel to the north of Ireland, and brought back Capt. Felstead, giving him some beer, of which he was short. Has bought a cable, but dear, 50*s.* a cwt., and it weighs 1,111 lbs. Jonathan Randall, his purser, troubles him much; left him on shore at Beaumaris drunk.	115
„ 11	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	T. Turner	Account of the number of men entered on board the Mermaid, Amity, Assistance, and Mary. Desires their imprest money, the 10*l.* had by Major Jones being disbursed.	116
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Navy Com^rs	For the loan of 10 tons of junk out of the stores at Deptford, for the ships fitting out - -	117
„ „	Kenrick Steventon, *Portsmouth.*	„	For leave to attend the payment of the fleet coming in, which will save the expense of sending a clerk on purpose.	118
„ 13	William Ledgant, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Coytmor.	Asks for instructions. Since coming from Falmouth, has been stayed by an order of the Council of State; has a great charge of guns on board.	119
„ 14	Rich. Suffill, *Plymouth.*	Mr. Foster, *Whitehall.*	The Gift and Duchess will soon be ready to victual. Asks whether to proceed to sea or wait for Capt. Sparling. The Phœnix has been retaken. Mr. Strelley can have his guns and other stores at Plymouth.	120
„ „	Roger Marten, *Plymouth.*	R. Coytmor	Three ships have come in from Malaga and one from Zante, and some are at Falmouth. Has not heard of the Dutch taking any ship as yet.	121
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	W. Rowe	Will treat with the Lubecker for purchase of the deals and tar, and agree for him to return to Lubec for tar, cordage, hemp, &c. Proceedings in procuring other provisions. Four ships have arrived from Malaga and one from Zante. They were told that the Dutch were masters of the Channel, and were advised to make for our coast.	122
„ „	„ -	„	The tenths of all prizes taken by private men-of-war belong to the State, but there is no one in the West to claim them. It would prevent abuse if they were taken in kind. Will undertake the charge for 1*s.* in the pound.	123
„ „	„ -	„	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - -	124
„ „	Chas. Walley -	R. Coytmor	For a cable for Capt. Sherwin, who is going to Dublin by order of the Lord General; also for payment of 27*l.* 10*s.* due for one sent from London. The Marigold is being victualled, and is going to Dumbarton with bedding and provisions, by order of Major Deane.	125

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Dec. 14	Thos. Cooper, *Aldborough.*	Nath. Tearne, Clerk of the check, Deptford.	Asks a warrant to impress seamen. If a gentleman comes down he is suspected to be a press-master. When Mr. Penny came, he got the constables to assist him, and they being poor men, were loath to displease, and gave the men notice, so that no seamen were found; being of a different calling, would never be suspected, and, could easily get 100, if allowed so much per head.	126
„ „	Stephen Rose, *Convert, Harwich.*	Thos. Holland.	For three months' supply of stores. Is being victualled and tallowed, and will sail to the General in the Lee Road in a few days.	127
„ „	William Greene -	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of hemp, pitch, and tar for sale by Alderman Chiverton and Messrs. Fravell, Eaglesfield, Gould, and Janson.	128
„ „	Hump. Felsteed, *Liverpool.*	„	Complains of the badness and want of beer. Has been to Alderman Walley at Chester, and when revictualled, will return to his station. Has dismissed Oliver Newton, the surgeon, a great blasphemer and drunkard; but for his wife and children, would have turned him away without his ticket, but he bragged he had friends that could command his wages without it.	129
„ „	„ -	R. Coytmor	Alderman Walley at Chester has neither any beer brewed, nor casks to put it in; when victualled, will return to his station.	130
„ 15	William Haddock -	Navy Com^rs	The Hannibal at Woolwich has been graved, rigged, and victualled, and will be ready for sea in a few days.	131
„ „	Edmond Courties, *Portsmouth.*	R. Coytmor	For a warrant to press men, and for some copies of the printed articles. Asks to be removed into a better ship.	132
„ „	Capt. T. Marriott, *Bristol.*	„	Has victualled, and shall sail with the six or seven barks the first fair wind, unless ordered to the contrary.	133
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com^rs	To write the vice-admirals and mayors of Hampton, Weymouth, Poole, Bristol, &c. to raise 200 seamen to be sent to Portsmouth. Mr. Holland refusing to act, desire that Mr. Willoughby may give his services for 8 or 10 days longer.	134
„ „	John Holland, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Cannot discharge his duties as Navy Commissioner and Surveyor while the charges made against him by Capt. John Limbrey are undisposed of, and as the Council of State will not dismiss him, as he solicited them to do, declines to act, and requests that his successor may be appointed. Vindicates his innocence.	135
„ 16	Comr. P. Pett, *Chatham.*	Col. Thompson.	For 500*l.* on account to enable him to purchase 1,000 loads of timber of Sir Wm. Sidley. The Mary prize, Amity, and Assistance are being victualled, but want men. There is great neglect in the press-masters. Particulars of other ships.	136
„ „	„ -	Navy Com^rs	Will attend on Monday about the 10 frigates ordered to be built by the Council of State. Mr. Carie of Woodbridge will build one on the usual terms.	137
„ „	Dutch Prize officers	„	Have ordered their deputies at Bristol to appraise the Fortune of Rotterdam, and to deliver her to Mr. Shewell, as requested.	138

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Dec. 16	Thos. Paulson, *Thomas and William, Lee Road.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has lost above 40 men, and some have left from three to six months' pay behind. Had 97 on board, and expects 10 from London, who had leave to visit their friends. The colonel took 30 of their number, but the captain soon made them up.	139
" "	G. Crompton, *Tilbury Fort.*	Thos. Smith.	Recommends John Morris, searcher in the Customs, to succeed Mr. Barrow, who died this morning.	140
" 17	Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Sec. Wm. Rowe.	Endeavours to replenish the stores; cordage and hemp may be had from St. Malo. Wants some person of power appointed at Plymouth to carry on public work. Is loading wheat, and shall be ready to take convoy in three days. Several ships have arrived from Spain and the Caribee Islands, notwithstanding the men-of-war abroad.	141
" "	Geo. Strelley, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	The only prizes lately brought in are the Middleburg, a freebooter, which may be fitted out in 14 days, and the Sampson of Memblick, brought in by Capt. Martin much damaged, but may be made serviceable in a month. Note of ships lying there, which can be supplied with men, as several others have just come home. Wants cordage, cables, &c.; wishes an exchange from the fort of smaller guns for larger, brought in by ships. Has drawn a bill for 200*l.* on the Commissioners of Customs, and hopes it will be paid.	142
" "	Thos. Vallis, *Expedition, Plymouth.*	"	Was bound for Portsmouth from Ireland, but forced in by contrary winds. Is deficient in stores and provisions, and waits orders, divers Dutch men-of-war being in the Channel.	143
" "	Ordnance officers -	—	Account of the powder in 40 ships named, composing the fleet under Gen. Blake; total, 2,219 barrels	144
" "	Rich. Dermott, *Chester.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends muster books of the Truelove and Marigold, ordered for Scotland. The Primrose has come in; could not muster her men, as they had a fever.	145
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" 18	Geo. Strelley, *Plymouth.*	"	Sends list of proposed officers for the Gift and Duchess, and desires their commissions. The Diamond has brought in a Hollander from St. Lucar, with wine and 22 pieces of ordnance, and though much torn in the fight, she can be made serviceable when unloaded. The Expedition and Nicodemus have arrived from Ireland.	1
" "	John Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	For leave to resign the place of master shipwright at Chatham. Most of the great ships are in good condition. Will stay to finish the George and Unicorn. Hopes they will "put in one who fears the Lord," and then the work will prosper.	2
" "	John Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	R. Coytmor.	Account of ships. The Endeavour, a Fleming taken by Sir Geo. Ayscue at Barbadoes with 500 or 600 chests of sugar, and three others have also arrived, but the latter sailed for the Downs, and it is feared are lost. Some frigates should be sent out to secure the merchant ships. No Dutch ships have been seen of late west of the Isle of Wight.	3
" "	" " -	Navy Com[rs]	Treated for the hemp with the Dantzic skipper who asks 40*s.* per cwt. Asks order therein; particulars of ships.	4
" "	Robert Vessey, *Truelove.*	"	Complains of the misconduct of his purser, Jonathan Randal, who has been imprisoned for debt, and upon release, vowed vengeance against him and his brother. Has supplied Capt. Felstead of the Marigold with beer.	5

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Dec. 18	Thomas Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has been delayed by the Collectors of Dutch Prizes in delivering the ship, but she being now appraised, will despatch her and send a list of able and well affected men fit to officiate in her.	6
" "	Capt. Thos. Kelsey, *Dover Castle.*	Sir Hen. Vane, jun.	To allow Capt. Vessey of the Truelove 10 more men; as the enemy has four vessels in the parts to which he is bound, he fears that 40 men will not suffice to do good service.	7
" "	Capt. John Sherwin, *Chester.*	Navy Com[rs]	For a cable, when he will sail with the victuals and beds for the army to Dublin, as ordered by General Fleetwood. Mr. Walley will revictual him on his return.	8
" "	" -	R. Coytmor	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	9
" 20	Nath. Andrewes and Thos. Alderne, *London.*	—	Account between the State and the Navy Victuallers. Total of the contract, 332,040*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, part paid and part to be paid monthly up to August 1653, the last payment of the whole employment.	10
" "	Ordnance officers -	—	Account of ordnance, ammunition, &c. required for the navy stores - - - -	11
" "	" -	—	Account of ordnance, ammunition, &c. belonging to the ordnance office, which remain in the stores for the service of the navy. Also of powder delivered and to be delivered.	12
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	To write the Generals at sea to stop the great demands for cordage and such like East country commodities, or the stores will not be able to supply ships fitting out; also not to discharge so many men by tickets, or the ships cannot be manned.	13
" "	Thos. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	T. Smith	His men will not take six months' pay, and swear they will have all, or the ship shall never go out of harbour, and that Smith's letter is a counterfeit, so that he does not know what to do with them. With note by Smith to Jno. Poortmans to show this to the Commissioners, and desire them to write to the Governor of Portsmouth that some of the principals may be made an example of. Has offered them six months' pay, and the other two when they come to the General, though he has only received four months' pay from the Navy Committee.	14
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	For three more Commissioners to be added to their number, as the business is daily increasing, Capt. Roger Tweedy to be one.	15
" "	" -	,	Recommend the Nonsuch as a convoy for some coasters and victuallers from London - -	16
" "	Col. Thos. Kelsey, *Dover Castle.*	Navy Com[rs]	Recommends Benjamin and Theop. Sacheverell for a commander and purser's place - -	17
" "	Thos. Greene, *Dover*	Navy Com[rs]	Particulars of the purchase of hemp, deals, pitch, tar, &c., and of contracts for more. Requires order as to buying masts. The Holland fleet of 80 sail is between Calais and Dover. They have taken two Barbadoes' ships, and put the men on board their own. They have another fleet making ready to come out, and they get good intelligence from the English in Holland. The captain of the Crow should press seamen, and send them to Dover.	18
" "	Phin. Pett, *Chatham*	T. Turner	Sends muster book of the Mermaid; the men entered are, Assistance, 120; Amity, 116; Mary, 56; Nonsuch, 6; and Assurance, 3.	19

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Dec. 20	Fr. Barham, *Deptford.*	T. Turner	Wishes Anth. Welles to succeed him in the Hannibal, as he has accepted some employment at home.	20
" "	Capt. Saml. Windus, *Liverpool.*	Navy Com^rs	Will endeavour to victual the ships named, but some captains make it their whole business to find fault with what is provided, and countenance their men in mutiny. Randle, purser of the Truelove, having been arrested for debt, his captain was exceeding joyful thereat, and combined with his steward to keep him in prison till he should sign a paper enclosed, being a certificate by Jonathan Randle, that he acknowledges having cast aspersions upon Capt. Robt. Vessey, his commander, but being sensible of his error, acknowledges it without compulsion.	21
" 21	Thos. Mathew, mayor, Wm. Nottell, and Rich. Harris aldermen, and 5 others of *Barnstaple.*	Adm. Com.	Considering the late presumptions and violent actings of the Dutch against England, and the great need there may be of ships and men, will forbear setting forth their Newfoundland and New England ships to sea this year.	22
" "	Rich. Suffill, *Plymouth.*	"	Has received their commission to be commander of the Little President, wherein he was formerly master. As Capt. Sparling, now on the coast of Ireland, is to have the Duchess, which is almost ready, purposes to go out in her, until he can meet Capt. Sparling to make the exchange.	23
" "	Thos. Vallis, *Expedition, Plymouth.*	"	Has come from Kinsale, because not being on the winter list, the victualler there refused him supplies. Wants victuals and stores, payment of arrears for relief of his men who complain, and further orders.	24
" "	Roger Marten, *Diamond, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been there as ordered to guard the ships, ever since he brought in his last prize, and is victualled and fit for service. The Expedition and Nicodemus have arrived from Ireland for Portsmouth; the latter has some brass guns; two of them would be very serviceable as chase guns.	25
" "	Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Several ships calling themselves Lubeckers have been brought into Dartmouth, Plymouth, and Fowey, with deals and tar, and as it is supposed they will be freed, will buy their lading. Asks if the prices they bought at were free of customs and excise. Eight weeks since there was cordage enough to supply 10 ships at 32*s.* per cwt. and tar at 32*s.* the barrel retail, but it has been bought up by private buyers. The Gift and Duchess are nearly ready, and would be soon at sea if officers and men were here. Note of other ships.	26
" "	William Ledgant, *Nicodemus, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Put in there by contrary winds, and hears that the Dutch fleet is in the channel. Has some valuable brass guns on board brought from Liverpool and Chester. Having been out two years, is very leaky and short of sails and stores. Asks for the command of the Gift or Sampson fitting out there.	27

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Dec. 21	John Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	R. Hutchinson.	Mr. Goodfellow died this day; his brother John is well fitted for his place as purser of the Swiftsure. The hemp was 40*s.* per cwt., his order being to buy at 36*s.*, but the factor will accept present London prices, or take it on his own account.	28
" "	Richard Langford, *Ipswich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has received 100*l.* on their bills of credit, and drawn others. Carried down 80*l.* of his ship's money to stop the mouths of bawling indigent people, who will hear of nothing but money, and there is none to be had here. Wants more or another bill of credit. Few will accept tickets. His company presume too much upon a false principle, that if they leave any ship in the State's service, and serve in another, they commit no trespass, which might do if there were no merchantmen in the service; a letter ought to be sent that this cannot be tolerated.	29
" 22	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol*	Thos. Turner.	Is fitting out the ship, and has drawn a bill upon the Navy Commissioners for 200*l.* Is looking for a gunner. A warrant has come from the Council of State to the Mayor for impressing seamen.	30
" "	Wm. Sheldon, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Particulars of the number of men on board 10 ships - - - - - -	31
" "	Edw. Mundy, *Woodbridge.*	"	Has delivered into the stores at Chatham timber and plank, value 2,000*l.*, and there is also 177*l.* due to him for timber from Marylebone. Has received some money on account, but asks the balance, and his bills of imprest now of two years' standing. Particulars of other timber to be sold; asks whether to purchase it. Noted that he is to buy all he can.	32
" "	Capts. Elias Drue, Thos. Fitpott, and Chas. Walley.	"	Survey of the James in Chester water - - - - - - - -	33
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send a list of ships that will be ready to sail to the Lee Road in January; wants of other ships. The victuallers are sending victuals to the fleet with the General.	34
" "	" -	"	Will take up the Nonsuch and send her to the fleet under General Blake, but as he wants two ships, desire order for taking up the Mary also.	35
23	Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs^	Recommends Hen. Hedshawe, minister, for compensation for his journey to Portsmouth to join the Worcester, and for services on board her. Being suspended, cannot entertain him.	36
" "	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Has the contract of the Reformation, and expects a hoy with provisions. Has sent up the new long boat, &c.	37
" "	Prize officers -	—	Account of 89 brass and iron guns delivered into the Ordnance Office, or lying at Tower wharf and Wapping.	38
" "	Ja. Russell, *London*	Major Salway or Jno. Carey.	Recommends the bearer for employment in the navy - - - - - -	39

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Dec. 23	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered the Portsmouth and President to lie about the Isle of Wight for a few days, to watch the motions of the Dutch. Details of ships. There is great want of men for the Guinea and others. The Vice-Admirals of the counties, Col. Sydenham being for Hampshire, ought to call a court for all seamen to appear, upon a penalty. Will survey the ship from Barbadoes with sugar, and report. The work is retarded for want of a new hoy, &c.	40
„ 24	Navy Comrs.	„	Have contracted for building 10 of the 30 frigates, and as other able men offer, desire orders to contract for 10 more. The Assistance, Amity, and Mary at Chatham are ready to sail, but no captains or masters have come down. Send a note by the purveyor of timber in Waltham Forest. Vice-Admiral Penn and Capt. Reynolds speak favourably of the late boatswain and carpenter of the Garland.	41
„ „	Com. P. Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has sent up the bearer for an account of the provisions ordered, and he will see them sent away. Wants three or four tons of white oakum. Will send an account of the ships fitting out at Deptford and Woolwich, and has ordered the going on of the great frigate at Woolwich. Wants a warrant for felling 1,000 trees in Windsor and Waltham Forests. A person in town should search for and seize all Eastland commodities, which if wanted, a fleet cannot be set out. Is going to the General of the fleet, and will then come to London, visiting all the ships that are to join the fleet on the way.	42
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Has contracted for 10 frigates at 5*l.* 15*s.* or 6*l.* 5*s.* a ton. As provisions are rising, more should be contracted for now to save expense. Is fitting out the three great ships, and impressed more men. There are great complaints from the seamen that their quarters at Rochester are occupied by soldiers, and many have returned to London. The soldiers should be removed to Maidstone, Sittingbourne, Milton, and Rainham.	43
„ „	Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has ordered friends at Falmouth, Fowey, and Dartmouth to give him notice of any ships which put in there with Eastland commodities; there are already two, one from Hamburg, and the other from Lubec, both of which had tar, but it has been stolen ashore, and disposed of. Pitch has advanced to 22*s.* per cwt., but the rosin expected from the Bay of Biscay may bring it down. Will procure all the cordage and hemp he can, but it is very scarce and higher in price, 45*s.* per cwt. Some ships from Malaga and Spain with fish report men-of-war in the Channel. Two Londoners have arrived at Falmouth from the Canaries and Spain, and others have put into Scilly.	44
„ „	George Strelley, *Plymouth.*	„	Has entered Geo. Browning as gunner of the Gift, but wants powder, &c. If the rest of the officers be displaced, it will prove an obstruction, and the men will leave. The ships are completed and riding at Catwater, and only want officers, men, and provisions. Has drawn a bill for 50*l.* The Sampson prize brought in by Capt. Martin is nearly discharged, and may be fitted out for service.	45

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Dec. 24	John Limbery -	Keeper of the light on the North Foreland.	Warrants and instructions from the Council of State for altering the lights so as to mislead the Dutch fleet, Dec. 17 to 24. Also order to Sir John Maynes, 21 Dec.	46
,, ,,	,, -	,,	To keep certain cordage, sails, &c., and not deliver them without order of the Council of State.	
,, ,,	Jo. Davies, *Deptford*	Navy Com^rs^	Finds the issue of cordage so great that if the merchants do not supply what they have contracted for, the stores will be exhausted. 50 or 60 tons are needed beside what can be had from Woolwich. The purveyors should hasten down the provisions for the fleet, and the ships at Chatham. Cables and hawsers mentioned should be provided.	47
,, ,,	Thos. Scott - -	,,	For candles, lanterns, &c. for the Kentish frigate, the want of which causes danger and discontent	48
,, ,,	Jonas Shish -	,,	Has been to Waltham Forest, and marked 500 spare trees and 100 pollards for building or repairing ships.	49
,, ,,	Rich. Preice, Denis Gauden.	,,	For an order to the Navy Treasurer to pay 5,000*l.* and 18,000*l.* out of the Treasury at Drury House, for victualling the Navy, as ordered by the Navy Committee.	50
,, ,,	Ordnance officers -	—	Particulars of brass and iron ordnance required for fitting out the Unicorn, George, Rainbow, and New frigate.	51
,, ,,	,, -	Adm. Com.	Account of ordnance contracted for with Thos. Foley, Geo. Browne, and Nath. Powell - -	52
,, 25	Thos. Woodcott, Mayor of *Gravesend and Milton.*	,,	Encloses letter from Simon Bayly of the Lisbon Merchant, reporting the arrival of his ship and the Exchange and Mathew in Tilbury Hope, and that he will endeavour to keep the men on board until further order.	53, 54
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	The Endeavour from Barbadoes is not fit for a man-of-war. Upon the late engagement, the Ruby and Portsmouth sent nearly 30 wounded men on shore, and on account of the great number of seamen about, there was hardly any place to put them, to their great suffering and sometimes loss of life; some little house should be erected for poor men whose lives are precious.	55
,, ,,	Thos. Paulson, *Thomas and William, Quinborough.*	Navy Com^rs^	Was run into by the Greyhound while riding between two channels, but now hopes to ride safely	56
,, ,,	Dutch prize officers	,,	The Fortune has been delivered to Mr. Shewell. As Capt. Pestell has sold the Swan, a Dutch prize, in the North, and some other vessels, his pay should be stopped until his account is cleared. Have written their agents at Newcastle to furnish Capt. Yates with what they have that he needs.	57
,, 26	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Recommends Mrs. Austen for relief. Her husband was purser in the Garland and slain in the last engagement with the Dutch. At the end of his several voyages he tendered his accounts, but was always put off, and now they are lost, and his wages remain unpaid.	58

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Dec. 26	Stephen Jay, *Martha, Tilbury Hope.*	Navy Com^rs	For an order to bring up his ship to be repaired, as she has been much damaged in a storm. Asks how to dispose of the provisions on board.	59
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	T. Turner	Sends the muster-book of the Greyhound, and the number of men entered on the Nonsuch, Mary, and Assistance.	60
„ „	Jas. Harrison, churchwarden.	—	Certificate that Jno. Stanup and six other mariners have travelled from the parish of Paul, being 150 miles, at their own charge, to serve the State.	61
„ 27	Capt. Jno. Hosier, *Magdalen, Harwich.*	Sir Hen. Vane, jun.	Account of the capture of a Dutch private man-of-war; 14 laden vessels from Hull have put back again. As these privateers are seen daily, and generally two together, vessels bound for Hull should have two convoys; begs to be one.	62
„ „	Barth. Yate, *Falcon Flyboat, Shields.*	Navy Com^rs	To order the shipping of his cables, sails, &c. There are 120 sail in the river laden with salt, coals, butter, and salmon, under the convoy of Capt. Wyard, who intend sailing with the first fair wind. With note that Rob. Pin, one of his men, was wounded, and remained with his prize till it was sold.	63
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Comr. P. Pett.	Names of five ships in the Hope ready to go to the fleet, but they want men. A hoy from the northward reports that the Advice has taken a Dutch man-of-war of considerable size.	64
„ „	Thos. Sparling, *Little President, King Road.*	C.O.S. -	Has convoyed the vessels to Waterford, and had a narrow escape of foundering on his return, having sprung a leak in very rough weather; waits for orders.	65
„ „	E. Hayward -	—	Account of new cordage in the stores at Chatham - - - - - -	66
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has published the resolutions of Parliament by beat of drum, and hopes they will have a good effect upon the seamen, being what they desire. Is sorry the Carpenter's crew are not put in the list, they always lie under discouragement; a sailmaker is a necessary man in every ship and may save a great deal. Is getting out all the ships with speed. The Portsmouth is fetching in the private men-of-war. The mariners of the President would not stir, having 13 months' pay due, so is forced to call her in to tallow and refit. Ships are afraid to go out without a fair wind, on account of the Dutch. Details of ships.	67
„ 28	„ „ -	Navy Com^rs	For an order to stay a ship of pipestaves at Cowes for the use of the State. Will survey the stores. Mr. Tippets is going to Cowes to see what ships are fit for the service there. Particulars of ships at Portsmouth. A hoy is much wanted.	68
„ „	Thos. Scott -	„	Sent the warrant for fitting out six fire-ships to Christopher Pett, but he returned it, being ill. Asked Mr. Brock to assist him in surveying such Dutch prizes as he thought fit for that service. The Falcon and Wildman at Blackwall are fit. The Star at Deptford is condemned as unserviceable; has ordered her to be kept afloat, as she may serve again at little cost. Details of other ships.	69
„ „	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	„	Sends a demand for stores from Capt. Mildmay of the Vanguard, not being able to supply them himself. Capt. Mildmay sent up some sails to be mended, but as they were not worth it, supplied him with others.	70

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Dec. 28	Phineas Pett, *Chatham*	T. Turner	85 men have been entered on board the Nonsuch, 79 on the Mary, and 45 on the Assurance -	71
,, ,,	Rich. Suffill, *Plymouth.*	R. Coytmor.	Neither Capt. Hatsell nor Mr. Strelley will enter men on board the Duchess till there comes an order to the victuallers. Asks a warrant to press seamen who are not forward, though offered increase of pay; also an order for guns and ordnance stores.	72
,, ,,	John Madock, Mayor, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has proclaimed the resolutions of Parliament with beat of drum, as also at the general muster of the militia.	73
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Will make what provision he can for the ships fitting out, and is treating with a Guernsey merchant for cordage from St. Malo. Five are nearly ready for sea. Asks commissions for ships' officers, and appointment of a captain for the Gift. Strelley will send an account of the cordage in his custody.	74
,, ,,	[Ordnance officers]	—	Account of what is payable to persons named for guns and ammunition, charged upon the 100,000*l.* appointed by Parliament for supply of the stores; total 58,952*l.*	75
,, ,,	Dutch Prize officers	Adm. Com.	Send list of the guns and ammunition on board the Dutch prize ships in the Thames, and will send account of those in the outports.	76
,, ,,	Thos. S[mith] and Wm. B[illers], *Trinity House.*	,,	Send the names and particulars of 63 merchant ships in the Thames of 200 tons or more, fit to be taken up for the service.	77
,, 29	Capt. John Sherwin, *Liverpool.*	Navy Com[rs]	Asks that his bill of exchange for 100*l.* for disbursements for his ship, during the 18 months he has been at sea, may be paid. Is bound to Dublin to attend the Lord Deputy of Ireland.	78
,, ,,	Charles Bowles -	Sir Hen. Vane.	Has been laid up with the gout, and in spring is going to Bath, but has little hope of a cure. Begs release from employment.	79
,, ,,	Wm. Sheldon -	Navy Com[rs]	Numbers of the men entered on board eight ships named. The Welcome prize and Violet are ready to victual. The Ann Piercy sailed yesterday, and the Society and Malaga merchant will sail next tide.	80
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Courties, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	For allowance of 150 men, his former number; found by his former engagements with the Dutch, when he had several killed and wounded, that he could not do with less.	81
,, ,,	,, -	Navy Com[rs]	To the same effect. Wants a surgeon. Has taken in victuals for 140 men. Has only 20 entered.	82
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. The house for sick and wounded seamen could be erected in the town for 250*l.* or 300*l.*, and a man and woman to look after it, and a surgeon might be paid by the year, or by the cure, as is now done to Mr. Stevens, who has cured many. Asks how the provisions for the sick, &c. are to be made, and who is to have charge of them in the ships.	83
,, ,,	Wm. Cullen, Mayor, *Dover.*	,,	Has caused the resolutions of Parliament, as to the encouragement to be given to seamen, to be published by beat of drum at Dover and Deal, and put up copies in the market place, and they are much liked.	84

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Dec. 29	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Have ordered the commanders of the London, Lisbon Merchant, and Exchange in the Hope to fit out their ships again, but the Martha being unserviceable, is coming up to be paid off. Have ordered the six fire-ships to be fitted out; their officers should be appointed. The victuallers are stiff upon 8½*d.* a man per day for victualling 14,000 men for six months, though a former agreement for 10,000 men was at 8*d.* Ask directions.	85
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks for sails for the Guinea frigate and President, and that ships as they come in may have a forecastle; the Phœnix was lost for want of one. Needs a supply of masts.	86
„ 30	William Rashford and John Foske, gunner.	—	Certificate that there are 152 barrels of gunpowder on board the Vanguard, being 35 barrels more than the Ordnance officers noticed on their survey.	87
„ „	Howill Morres, *Tilbury Fort.*	Col. Thomson.	Asks orders as to some goods in a hoy committed to his charge by Capt. Teddiman, who alleges they belong to his ship the Exchange; the seamen of the hoy assert they are prize, and belong to the State.	88
„ „	Dutch Prize officers	Navy Com^rs^	Sent the appraisement of the two ships at Dover. Their power only extends to the sale of ships or goods by the candle, except by order from the Navy Committee, to whom you must apply to have the said ships according to appraisement.	89
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	T. Turner	Has entered men on the ships fitting out there, viz., Nonsuch, 106; Assurance, 68; Mary, 90; Rainbow, 3.	90
„ 31	Thos. Mathew, Mayor, *Barnstaple.*	Adm. Com.	Has published the resolutions of Parliament for encouragement of seamen by beat of drum in Barnstaple, and sent some of them to the neighbouring parishes. It has also been published in Bideford.	91
„ „	Robert Thorpe, brother of the Trinity house, *Hull.*	„	Petition and letter for command of one of the ships in the winter guard. In 1643 took out a letter of marque against the Irish at his own charge, and has served as master in second rate ships; can bring a party of seamen. With certificate of six inhabitants of Hull in his favour, and request that he may be appointed to a Dutch man-of-war lying there.	92–94
„ „	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Nicodemus, Plymouth.*	„	For transfer of himself and crew to the Gift or Capt. Martin's prize for this expedition, as the Nicodemus has been ordered into Catwater by Capt. Hatsell for repair.	95
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Has bought five tons of cordage and cable yarn in a vessel from St. Malo, and expects more. Is giving all despatch to the ships fitting out; charged a bill for 400*l.* on account. Wishes Thos. Salmon to command the Gift, one of the French prizes, and Geo. Browne to be surgeon of the Duchess.	96
„ „	Rich. Suffill, *Plymouth.*	„	The Duchess will be ready for sea in eight days. Wants order for guns, and the number of men she shall carry.	97
„ „	Geo. Strelley, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has entered John Beale as cook on board the Gift, and charged bills for 100*l.* and 60*l.*, to be placed to the account of the Gift and Duchess.	98

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1652. Dec. 31	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has sent the resolutions of Parliament to Fowey, Looe, Dartmouth, and Topsham, for publication. Has bought five tons of cable yarn and cordage from St. Malo at 40*s.* per cwt., being 5*s.* less than formerly, and has treated with others to bring over what they can. Hopes his bills will be met, so as to enable him to effect other purchases of deals, tar, &c. Has charged 400*l.* on Mr. Hutchinson. Details of ships. The Diamond will sail to-day, but return to convoy such ships as may be then ready, according to orders from General Monck.	99
" "	Geo. Skutt, Mayor, *Poole.*	Adm. Com.	Has published the resolutions of Parliament in the most public places by beat of drum; they came very opportunely for the encouragement of the seamen he had pressed to repair more readily to Portsmouth.	100
" "	Edw. Spurwaie, Mayor, *Dartmouth.*	"	Has published the like and set them up, and proclaimed for all seamen to repair on board the State's ships.	101
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Certificate of ordnance, carriages, shot, &c. required to be provided without delay, total 136,877*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*	102
" "	Prize officers, *Clements' Lane.*	"	Account of 61 brass and iron ordnance in their custody at Dover and 18 at Plymouth. Will send the account of those at Portsmouth when received.	103
Dec. ?	Mr. Winthorpe and five others.	Navy Com^rs^	Recommend And. Tucker, minister of the Assistance, who has served three or four years and been in several engagements, for employment in this expedition against the Dutch. With certificate in his favour by the ship's officers, 24 November 1652.	104, 105
" "	Thos. Scott -	"	Answers complaints of Mr. Stoakes of neglect in fitting the Kentish and Sussex frigates. Condition of the Peter.	106
" "	Wm. Scapes and Thos. Bendish.	—	Certify that Robt. Pin of the Falcon, put into the Fortune of Rotterdam laden with herrings, taken by Capt. Yates, was wounded in his hand, and remained on board of her until she was sold on 12 October 1652.	107
" "	Manley Callis and Jonas Shish.	—	Report of the defects of the Assurance - - - - - - - -	108
" "	Capt. —— - -	his purser	To go to the Navy Commissioners for stores named, and bring them to Newcastle, reporting that the sails are all old, and the ship has but one cable.	109
" "	Capt. Roger Marten	Adm. Com.	Begs leave to nominate Thos. Milton as his lieutenant, and Rob. Johnson as clerk of the check in lieu of purser.	110
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1653. Jan. 1	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	To consider and to confer with the Ordnance officers on a letter of David Davison to Rich. Salway, that there being great want of cordage and hemp for the summer fleet, and much difficulty in obtaining it, he offers his services.	1, 1*a*
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	The fire-ships are fitting out, but require commanders and men, the Endeavour from Barbadoes would make one. The clerk of the survey wants survey books; the crew of the Pearl, who have been out 18 months, will not stir until they have their money. Particulars of other ships.	2

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1653. Jan. 1	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Published their letter for the encouragement of the Carpenter's crew. The Ruby and Portsmouth are gone to cruise in the Channel; the Pearl and President want money, and will not stir without it, and the Guinea and others are victualling. Thinks the service will be obstructed by the Parliament order for stewards to have charge of the victuals, and pursers to be clerks of the check. Wants orders about 5*l.* per 100 men for the sick and wounded; also for purchase of pipe-staves and masts. A prize at Cowes can be made into a man-of-war for 160*l.*	3
" "	Ra. Herman, Mayor, *Exeter.*	Adm. Com.	Published the resolutions of Parliament yesterday in the market place and other public places, and also made proclamation charging all mariners and seamen to repair on board the State's ships for the present expedition.	4
" "	Dutch Prize officers	Navy Com^rs	Never received any order from Council or the Navy Committee to deliver up any ships, nor have power to dispose of them but by sale by the candle, without an order. Send an appraisement of the Wildman and Falcon. The Dutch fleet were much scattered by the storm, and must have returned home, but 20 nimble frigates in the Narrow seas would do much good, the Holland merchantmen not supposing our fleet at sea.	5
" "	Comr. P. Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Finds General Blake here. Wants oakum, &c. to proceed with the graving and cleaning of the ships.	6
" 3	"	"	Is graving the Rainbow and other ships, but wants provisions; also 60 doz. links for the night, which may be bought of Mr. Hitches in Budge Row, at 2*s.* or 3*s.* 4*d.* per dozen.	7
" "	Dutch Prize officers	"	Will assign the Red boat at Yarmouth to Hen. Richardson or Jno. Tonner, for bringing up timber for the State, when she has been appraised, and they are empowered to do so by the Navy Committee.	8
" "	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Would have contracted with the Navy Victuallers for provision for the 14,000 men, but they demanded 8½*d.* per man a day, whereas before they had offered to take 8*d.* for 10,000.	9
" "	"	"	Contracted with Hen. Roach, Jno. Wright, and Wm. Wood, mast merchants, for fetching some masts and tar from New England, provided the Commissioners for Dutch Prizes would let them buy the Wildman and Falcon; but the Commissioners allege they have no power to deliver them but by sale by the candle, without special order.	
" "	"	" *Chatham.*	Send a list from Capt. Hatsell of officers and men required for the fleet. Blake is at Chatham. Recommend the son of Mr. Tearne, clerk of the check, who is also recommended by Capt. Penn and the Vice-Admiral, as clerk of the survey at Deptford.	10
" "	Robert Coytmor	"	Sends letters just come to hand - - - - - - - - - -	11
" "	Edw. Ashe, *London.*	Thos. Scott, *Whitehall.*	The State has given order to take up some ships in the Straits for men-of-war, which will want men; there are a number of seamen confined as slaves in Algiers, who might be redeemed if money and ships might be had. Will get some merchants to furnish both at Venice, Naples, or Leghorn, to fetch away 400 or 500, if the State will undertake the cost.	12

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Jan. 3	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Will follow their orders as to the sick and wounded men; requires an order to sell four ships unfit for service.	13
" "	" -	Navy Com^rs	The Guinea waits for sails and a surgeon. Mr. Eastwood's stay in London interferes with the building of the frigates and hoy. Asks to buy 20 bales of Noyals canvas at 16*l.* 15*s.* a bale.	14
" "	John Francland, clerk of the check, *Tynemouth Castle.*	Navy Com^rs	After bringing the fleet to Harwich, stayed in Osier Bay for a light fleet there, and then sailed with them to Newcastle; there are now upwards of 80 sail there, waiting a wind, some laden with salmon, salt beef, merchandize, and coals. There being daily reports of men-of-war upon the coast, six or eight in a fleet, the Mayor of Newcastle has advised the stay of the ships in the harbour, until our navy is moving.	15
" "	Barth. Yate, *Newcastle.*	"	Wants cables and sails, as they are not to be had at Newcastle; 150 able seamen have arrived there, because they will not serve the State; wishes he had orders to send them back. Major-General Deane is expected here to-morrow.	16
" "	Thos. Scott, *Whitehall.*	Sir Hen. Vane, junr.	Mr. Morris, from Antwerp, reports that several Holland men-of-war have been stranded and perished near Scheveling, and that the Dutch are raising 10,000 foot in Germany, besides levying at home. A merchant at Bordeaux writes that 100 sail of Holland merchantmen with corn, and 4 men-of-war have arrived. A fleet of French ships lately passed the Channel homeward, with sound of trumpet. The Council of State desire his opinion concerning Mr. Ash's overture.	17
" "	Edw. Bushell, *London.*	"	Has sent for a license for the Good Success as a private man-of-war, or to contract for her hire; has another at Bugbie's Hole, already victualled and fitted for Barbadoes, but is willing to contract for her; hopes that his great expense may be considered and further loss prevented. Hears the Dutch fleet has returned much shaken by the storm.	18
" 4	Robert Coytmor -	Mr. Blackborne.	Received his letter and that for his beloved, by Mr. Thurloe, but neither she, Lady Vane, nor Mrs. Thomson have any answer to return. 200 Dutch merchant ships are gone home through the Channel. Wishes not to have the title of esquire, as he abhors that and worshipful.	19
" "	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Sends the number of men entered on the George and four other ships on rigging wages - -	20
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will publish the resolutions of Parliament concerning the Carpenter's crew, as he did those for encouragement of seamen, which made them more willing to serve. The Gift and Duchess would be well manned if the officers were commissionated. 200 cwt. of hemp has arrived at Dartmouth from Brittany; has ordered it to be taken for the service. A vessel from Bilboa reports there are six ships in the mouth of the Channel, supposed to be Dutchmen; the packet-boat from the Mount to Scilly was taken by a Dutch man-of-war, with all her letters.	21
" "	" -	Navy Com^rs	To like effect. Also details of repairs of ships - - - - - - - -	22

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1653. Jan. 4	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	Jonas Shish has only sent down 2,000 of the 30,000 reeds ordered; if the remainder are not sent, the graving of two or three great ships will be delayed; 100*l.* worth of thrums wanted. Repair of ships.	23
„ „	Thos. Greene, *Dover*	„	Has drawn three bills on the Treasurer for 205*l.*, payable to the Collectors for French Prize Goods, for anchors, cables, and sails, taken out of two French prizes, for the use of the Crow, and bills for 40*l.* and 20*l.* payable to Nath. Lawsey.	24
„ „	Hen. Darley -	Vane, Carew, and Salwey.	Sends a letter from a merchant of York respecting some tar, hemp, &c. - - - -	25
„ 5	Robert Trundle -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of master carpenter in the frigate building at Yarmouth by Mr. Edgar; has served five years and sustained many losses. With certificate by Lieut.-Col. Edw. Bellamy.	26, 27
„ „	Col. H. Morley -	„	Will distribute the printed papers for encouragement of seamen; wants orders whether they are to resort to Chatham or Portsmouth; also about buying hemp. If all the frigates there were out in a body, they would trouble the Dutch and secure our trade.	28
„ „	Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer.	Adm. Com^rs^ *Chatham.*	Will bring down 12,000*l.* on Friday night by a convoy, and will pay the two ships at Portsmouth on Monday; has paid seven ships, and will pay off another to-morrow.	29
„ „	Ordnance Com. -	—	Account of powder in eight garrisons named; total, 977 barrels - - - - -	30
„ „?	„ -	—	„ three garrisons, and of ordnance at Aldborough - - - -	31
„ „	Nath. Manton, for Thos. Richardson.	—	Contract to deliver 300 bales of Noyals canvas at 15*l.*, 15*l.* 10*s.*, and 17*l.* per bale - -	32
„ „	Wm. Acworth and Wm. Sheldon.	—	Account of decayed and useless provisions in the stores at Woolwich. [7 *pages.*] - -	33
„ „	Adm. Comrs., *Chatham Hill.*	Navy Com^rs^	To perfect the contract with the victuallers, hasten down the ships in the river, and the mariners to the fleet near Quinborough. Major Bourne will go down to pay and despatch the fleet, when his health permits.	34
„ „	„ „ -	„	To inquire into the condition of the Roebuck, Dove, and Lady Ketch, laid up at Portsmouth as unfit for service, and what of their provisions might be sold.	35
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Wants men for the fire-ships, also masts and sails. Details of ships - - - -	36
„ „	Elias Pratt, Mayor, *Berwick.*	Adm. Com.	Published the resolves of Parliament last Monday in the market place, himself and the justices attending, and also nailed them up in public places, so that notice might be taken by those concerned. His endeavours and prayers will not be wanting in this great undertaking.	37
„ „	Jno. Thurloe -	Navy Com^rs^	To send a well-skilled person to the Council of State, fit to go to Scotland and purchase masts for the navy, which can be had very good, and floated by water to the sea.	38
„ 6	Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Thos. Smith and Robt. Thomson.	Has brought 95 or 1,000 cwt. of cordage at 35*s.* per cwt., and will give bills for the money, but they want 40*s.* a barrel for the tar. The bailiffs only allowed 8*s.* each to the pressed men they sent up, instead 11*s.* 6*d.* each for 92 miles. [2 *copies.*]	39, 40

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1653. Jan. 6	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Primrose, Liverpool Water.*	Adm.Com.	Wants tackle and cables, and a warrant to enter men. Has set all the few ropemakers at Chester on work to make small cordage. Has found a man who will make a cable at 50*s.* the cwt. for 30*l.* down, and the rest in two months, and sent him to Mr. Walley. Waits a wind to Dublin, by the Lord General's order, to carry 6,000*l.* to him, and then return with some persons of quality. Hopes not to be cooped up in this channel, the fag end of the world.	4
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Houlding, *Ruby.*	,,	Sailing from Portsmouth to Plymouth with the Ruby and Portsmouth frigate, met a Holland man-of-war, and fought him three or four hours, but failed to take him. Has six men wounded, including the master. Is riding at Spithead to repair damages.	42
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Dornford, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Cruising westward with the Portsmouth, met the Ruby, and both fought a Dutch man-of-war, and remained with her all night, but she got away. Had one man slain and nine wounded. Wants a forecastle and leave to tallow.	43
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Ruby and Portsmouth have come for repairs, after some bickering with a Dutch man-of-war. Account of work done to the Golden Dove. Knows no one fit to view the hemp, pitch, and tar at Exeter and Topsham. Mr. Davison should be held to his contract as to delivery of his goods.	44
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	,,	For a warrant to sheath the Violet prize - - - - - - - -	45
,, ,,	Thos. Bendish, *Yarmouth.*	Thos. Smith	Affixed the orders of Parliament in the most public places in the town for several days, and believes most of the seamen took notice of them.	46
,, 7	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	The Success and Brazil frigates are fit for men-of-war - - - - - -	47
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Hopes his bill for 400*l.* will be met by the Treasurer. Repairs of ships. Wants the officers' commissions for the Duchess and Gift. There are 10 or 12 Dutch men-of-war westward of the Channel.	48
,, ,,	Thos. Vallis, *Expedition, Plymouth.*	,,	Has cleaned and tallowed, and is taking in provisions, but wants cables and powder - -	49
,, ,,	Roger Marten, *Diamond, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying between the Lizard and coast of France, by order of General Monk, and chased several Dutch; as they are reported to be considerable on the western coast, shall not put to sea again until further order. The Expedition waits for ammunition. Will sail for Portsmouth with her and the Nicodemus.	50
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Suffill, *Duchess, Plymouth Catwater.*	Mr. Portmans.	Has a master's commission for the President, but as she is at sea and the Duchess ready to sail, desires an exchange with Capt. Sparling, who prefers the President. Wants a press warrant, and warrants for the officers.	51
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to direct the setting forth of the Crow, and to inquire what use can be made of the other French prizes at Dover.	52
,, ,,	Thos. Greene - -	,,	All the work is done on the Crow, but she wants seamen, ammunition, and gunner's stores -	53
,, ,,	Hen. Warren, *Jonathan, Hope.*	,,	Sends muster of the men on board in December and January. The captain wants a new contract, because the seamen's pay is advanced.	54

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Jan. 7	Hump. Fellstead, *Marigold, Chester.*	Navy Com^rs	Having lost his long boat, Alderman Walley has advanced 22*l.* towards building another at Liverpool, and has given him a bill of exchange on them. Wants stores, and an order to Walley to pay him 50*l.* more for present use.	55
,, ,,	Adm. Comrs., *Chatham.*	,,	To send down to the Hope all the mariners who have offered their services since the publication of the Act for mariners, and to correspond with the Generals of the fleet thereon.	56
,, 8	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Fitting out of ships as men-of-war and fire-ships - - - - - - - -	57
,, ,,	Com. P. Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Particulars of the graving and victualling of ships. The seamen are tractable, "and begin to "attend their duties handsomely." Will send an account of the fitting of the fleet for sea. Begs that men may be speedily sent.	58
,, ,,	,, -	Navy Com^rs	Sends a demand of Rob. Sewell, storekeeper, for provisions. Nine ships have been graved; there is a great want of reed and broom. With Sewell's demand.	59, 60
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Sends estimate for building a hoy, theirs being 20 years old; it will cost 20 per cent. less there than in the State's yards. Asks a supply of stores.	61, 62
,, ,,	Saml. Windis, *Chester*	,,	Victualling of the Marigold. Has been much pressed for money, and the contractors refused to accept his bills; has drawn one on Mr. Wainwright for 300*l.*, and another on them for 1,011*l.* 10*s.* Cannot victual under 8½*d.* a day, and should have as good a rate as the State allows. Has some of the spirit that rested on Lord Brooks, and on worthy Pym and Hampden.	63
,, ,,	Ordnance officers -	,,	Are sending directions to Plymouth for furnishing the Gift with gunner's stores, and for exchanging the guns of the Guinea at Portsmouth. Want the names of the six ships to be fitted out as fire-ships. Cannot obtain any powder at Plymouth, as there is no magazine there.	64
,, 9	Sam. Bloyes, Mayor, *Penrhyn.*	Adm. Com.	Proclaimed the resolutions of Parliament in the market and other public places by beat of drum, and gave notice to the seamen to repair on board the fleet.	65
,, ,,	Rich. Ethes, Dep. Mayor, *Deal.*	Vane and Thomson.	To like effect. The major part of the seamen in the town are willing to serve on the terms expressed.	66
,, 10	Mayor and Jurats of *Sandwich.*	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Published them also at Deal and Romansgate [Ramsgate] - - -	67
,, ,,	Com. P. Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Graving and victualling of the Victory and other ships. The General will sail with the Triumph to-morrow, and the officers for the ships ought to be sent down. Will go down to the fleet to despatch their orders. A Commissioner is wanted at Chatham to pay the fleet. Has paid nearly 600*l.* to men wounded in the last engagement with the Dutch from the Prize Office. Unless some allowance is made to the chest, it cannot satisfy the bitter cries of these poor people. Thinks in such cases they should be paid from the Prize Office.	68
,, ,,	Gen. Robt. Blake - *Chatham.*	,,	Sends the petition of Wm. Hopkins, carpenter, and recommends him for employment in the ship being built by Mr. Taylor at Wapping.	69

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Jan. 10	Barth. Yate, *Newcastle.*	NavyComrs	Asks for a supply of cables and stores by the Newcastle ships from London, or a letter from the Commissioners for Dutch Prize Goods to the collector here, for 40*l.* to furnish himself. With note to the latter to give him 46*l.*, and charge bills therefor.	70
„ „	Hannah Barrow, *Gravesend.*	„	Sends muster books of ships mustered in the Hope by a deputy, during her late husband's illness. Asks payment of what was due to him, for the support of herself and children.	71
„ „	Admiralty Com. -	„	Reference of the petition of Wm. Ashley, seaman, for compensation for loss of anchor, cable, sails, and rigging belonging to the John of Stroud, while shipping 50 soldiers on board the General of the fleet.	72
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Asks for orders as to fitting out the Sophia, taken by Capt. Gilson in the Speaker, as a man-of-war.	73
„ „	Phineas Pett - -	Thomas Turner.	Sends the number of men entered on the Nonsuch and five other ships. Has disbursed 20*l.* more than his bill of imprest.	74
„ „	Robert Sansum, *Bryer frigate, Lynn.*	Robert Coytmor.	Has been convoying vessels from Lynn to Yarmouth, and will sail with a fleet to Newcastle -	75
„ „	Roger Quarles, *Thames.*	Katherine Quarles, his sister, *Smithfield.*	Thanks for helping him to some employment. Is familiar with arithmetic, and his cousin will put him in the way for a clerkship. His brother and sister have safely arrived at Bristol.	76
„ „	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Smith and Thomson.	Particulars of cordage and yarn bought, and to be sold. The masts will be required for the ships now building there.	77
„ „	Capt. Lionel Lane -	Navy Comrs	Certificate that Hen. Kyme served as a volunteer in the Victory under his command in the last summer's expedition, and had a warrant from General Blake for a purser's place in the John Baptist, but the Council of State had granted the place to another.	78
„ 11	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Beg their order for building a hoy for Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth, at a cost of 186*l.* - -	79
„ „	William Bennett, Mayor, *Chester.*	„	Proclaimed the resolves of Parliament concerning seamen in the most public places of the city, and afterwards affixed them upon posts, that they might be better known.	80
„ „	Gens. Robt. Blake and Geo. Monck, *Chatham.*	„	Recommend Wm. Warr, late boatswain, and Thos. Rumney, carpenter of the Garland, for employment. With three petitions of Rumney, one of Warr, and one of both together, pleading their 17 and 19 years' service and losses in the Garland, taken in the late engagement, and begging places on one of the new frigates.	81–86
„ „	Rich. Suffill, *Duchess, Catwater.*	„	Thanks for his commission. Will sail for the Sound in a few days. Asks warrants for the officers. Is victualled for 90 men for three months, but she deserves more.	87

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Jan. 11	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Received the captains' commissions for the Gift and Duchess, and waits for those for the inferior officers. Asks what number of men and guns they are to carry. Repair, &c. of ships. Will secure the hemp for sale at Dartmouth, and has purchased some tallow brought from Ireland.	88
" "	" -	"	Delivered his letter to his brother. Will endeavour to obtain fit men as officers for the ships. Great preparations are being made here and at Dartmouth and Barnstaple for the sailing of the ships for the Isle of May and Newfoundland; as they will carry away 2,000 seamen, it is thought they ought to be forbidden to proceed this year. Three ships of London have arrived at Falmouth from Barbadoes with sugar, and two from Portugal.	89
" "	, -	Navy Com^rs	Anth. Skinner is to supply the Gift with gunner's stores. Capt. Edw. Blagg is a fit person to take command of the Sampson, which is repairing, being much torn with shot when taken by Capt. Marten. Mr. Ford of Exeter has purchased some of the hemp at Dartmouth, but the rest may be secured for the State. A ship has been brought into Fowey by a private man-of-war, laden with deals and cordage. Thanks for accepting his bill of exchange. Hopes the gunners' stores purchased for the Diamond and Expedition will be allowed.	90
" "	Edm. Button, *Gravesend.*	"	Is now ready to receive and carry to the fleet such mariners as may be sent down - -	91
" "	Saml. Howitt, *Laurel, Chatham River.*	"	To grant bills to Mr. Price, late surgeon of the Foresight, for his imprest money, as also for fitting him out as surgeon for the Laurel.	92
" "	John Bourne and N. Bourne, *Assistance, Gravesend Rd.*	"	To order some sails and men to be sent down, having to carry money to Quinborough for pay of the fleet.	93
" "	[Hum. Fellstead], *Marigold, Highlake, Chester Water.*	"	Wants stores, or an order to Alderman Walley to advance him 50*l.* to purchase them. Is bound for Galway in Ireland, and there is danger in the way.	94
" "	Phin. Pett, *Chatham.*	T. Turner	Is 20*l.* out of purse for conduct money, and if 50*l.* is imprested to him, fears he shall want more -	95
" "	John Grenwaye, *Custom House, Southampton.*	Navy and Customs' Com., *Westminster.*	The Constant Rebecca of London has arrived from St. Lucar, with lemons, oranges, olives, and 6,674 pieces of eight.	96
" "	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order for building a new hoy at Portsmouth, to carry timber, ballast, &c. as requested by Mr. Willoughby.	97
" "	——	—	List of eight great ships that will soon be ready to go to the fleet - - - - -	98
" 12	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Being much impeded in carrying out their contracts, &c. by the absence of the clerks and labourers attending at Westminster for their arrears of pay, as also by the number of vessels lying at Tower Wharf, desire a warrant for ordering them off if not engaged by the State, as also for satisfying the said arrears of pay.	99

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1653 Jan. 12	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	For an order to contract for ammunition for the summer fleet, for delivery of unserviceable brass pieces for recasting, and for the attendance of the gunners of ships at the Tower, when the stores are issued.	Vol. XLV. 100
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	To supply money for buying East country commodities. To second their recommendations to the Generals not to discharge so many seamen, as they cannot be supplied. The French prizes at Dover are unserviceable. To appoint a clerk of the survey at Chatham. To consider the complaints of the merchant ships of being short of guns and men. To allow the widows of seamen slain in the service to receive their wages, where they do not exceed 10*l.*, without administering. To fit out the Sophia prize at Woolwich. To consider the complaints of the press-master of the watermen, and the propositions from the masters of the Hall that those who refuse to serve when pressed shall lose the liberty of rowing in the river. To order the Ordnance officers to furnish the Exchange with guns, and to settle upon commanders and officers for the four fire-ships, and for the Tulip and two prizes in the river.	101
" "	" -	"	Send the contract proposed by the Navy Victuallers, and ask directions thereon - - -	102
" "	Rich. Hutchinson and Major Nich. Bourne.	"	Set out with 25,000*l.* for the pay of the fleet, but were hindered by fog. Put the money on the Assistance and came to Chatham. Gen. Blake intends sailing as soon as the wind permits.	103
" "	Rich. Hutchinson, Comr. Peter Pett, and N. Bourne, *Chatham.*	"	The Generals of the fleet approve the means proposed for manning it. Will go to the fleet to-morrow. Pursers generally refuse to go as clerks of the check, and some of the stewards refuse to serve. 10 persons were presented as fit for pursers and clerks, and if those selected are approved of, desire that they may be sent down at once, as there is no one on whom they can charge the provisions to be taken on board, nor any check to be kept upon them. The ships are detained for want of a wind.	104
" "	Fras. Harvey, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne	General Blake has come on board, and General Monk will be speedily after us, so that I hope the money will be with the fleet to-morrow. We want the instructions for the clerks of the check, as some ships have both them and stewards. The Navy Commissioners are here.	105
" "	Hum. Felsted -	Adm. Com.	The Marigold wants a master, clerk of the check, and two guns. Victuals are only allowed for 100 men, whereas she had 120. Asks a warrant for John Withers as master.	106
" "	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	The Generals approve of the way propounded for sending down men for the fleet. Four or five ships are ready to sail. The Treasurer and Major Bourne have arrived. Will send an account of the ships and frigates here, their rates, number of men, &c.	107
" "	Capt. Anth. Houlding, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Coytmor.	Asks an order to tallow his ship. The hard censures upon his last meeting a Dutch man-of-war, that it was an ill omen for one ship to baffle two such frigates, are unjust, as the wind and sea were against them, and he had orders not to go eastward of the Isle of Wight.	108
" "	Capt. Geo. Dakins, *Advice, Chatham.*	Col. Goffe	Certificate that John London, boatswain, has faithfully served the State in the Advice and Greyhound for three years, and deserves encouragement.	109

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1653. Jan. 12	Rich. Langford -	Rich. Hutchinson.	Has taken up the second 100*l.* on a bill of credit granted for paying off the Elizabeth and Ann, from Thos. Wright, salter of Ipswich.	110
,, ,,	Dutch Prize officers	Navy Com^rs	Want surveys of the Sophia at Woolwich, the Sampson at Plymouth, and the Wildman and Falcon at Blackwall, now discharged and deemed fit for the service.	111
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Asks an order to pay the wages of Thos. Burgis, employed as a look-out. Only one man of the 28 mentioned in Mr. Turner's list, as having received 3*s.* 6*d.* on account for conduct money for Portsmouth, has appeared. Has been forced to give tickets to some of the mariners of the Pearl, they being mutinous and ready to create a disturbance for want of their money; one has broken the pay-house windows, and threatened to pull down the house.	112
,, ,,	,, -		Survey of a fire-ship at Cowes and five Dutch vessels taken by private men-of-war laden with French goods. Was offered 9,000 deals at 6*l.* per 100, and will buy them if ordered. Sends an estimate of old decayed stores, and the names of six vessels condemned as unserviceable. Hopes the bill for the hemp will be duly met. The Pearl and President are nearly ready to sail; the Barbadoes ship, being almost unladen, will want money, as will also the yard and ordinary; the carpenters will not work when the paymasters come down, without they have it. Their condition is to be pitied, as they are far from their families, and in a dear and sickly place. With note of decayed stores.	113, 114
,, ,,	,, -	Adm. Com.	Will see that the owners of the pipe-staves have a proper price for their goods. Cannot recommend any one for the place of clerk of the check or steward, and thinks those already appointed should remain until their provisions are expended. Desires that the Commissioners for Dutch Prize Goods may direct their Sub-Commissioners to issue warrants for the 5*l.* upon each 100 men. Particulars of five prizes at Cowes, two at Poole, and the George Bonadventure and five others at Portsmouth.	115
,, 13	,, -	,,	To appoint a purser and steward to the President, the one being dead, the other undeserving. 30 or 40 sail passed the Isle of Wight yesterday. The Falmouth and Success have gone to Plymouth. There is a great want of men, and those pressed have not appeared; 40 or 50 may be had at Christchurch. The captains of the President and Portsmouth recommend Wm. Whitehorne and Thos. Watts as their lieutenants.	116
,, ,,	,,	,,	Pass for Rich. White and other officers of the Pearl to travel to London without molestation -	117
,, ,,	John Taylor, *Chatham.*	,,	Asks for another assistant, as the one allowed has been sick ever since he had his warrant. With note proposing Owen Taylor or Robt. Easton.	118, 119
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	,,	Sends a contract with the victuallers for victuals for 14,000 men for the ensuing summer, as also for the erection of buildings for the service.	120
,, ,,	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Mr. Hutchinson.	Has drawn a bill for 1,000*l.* payable to Geo. England, by order of Thos. Smith and Robt. Tompson, Navy Commissioners, and shall shortly draw more.	121

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Jan. 13	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Note of men entered on board the Nonsuch and five other ships named - - - -	122
„ „	Roger Cuttance -	[Navy Comrs.]	To order John Jaques, his minister, to repair on board, as the frigate has fallen down the river -	123
„ 14	Wm. Sheldon - -	Mr. Turner	Number of men on ships named; asks an order to pay them press and conduct money - -	124
„ „	Rich. Langford, *Eliza and Ann, Lee Road.*	Navy Com^rs	Has arrived in the Thames from Harwich, and would have got to the fleet at Quinborough, but it was too dark. Wants men and orders.	125
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Has not heard from Mr. Alworth about seamen, but there shall be no neglect in payment or otherwise.	126
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Recommend Robert Bellamy, late purser of the Renown fire-ship, as steward of the Stork prize. With note and petition of Lieut.-Col. Edw. Bellamy on his behalf.	127–129
„ „	„ - -	„	Ask whether they have changed their resolutions as to sending the Raven to Guinea, as she is victualled. Enclose statement by Peter Beele sent from Capt. Willoughby of defective provisions at Portsmouth. He also informs them of ships unserviceable, and desires a warrant to sell them.	130, 131
„ „	Wm. Kendall, *Success, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Plying in the Channel, saw a fleet of 60 Hollanders, commanded by the Vice-Admiral of Flushing, and now hears they are at anchor in Torbay.	132
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	The 10,000 cwt. of hemp at Dartmouth has been bought for the State at 32*s.* per cwt., and the ropemakers there demand 10*s.* per cwt. to make it into cordage; can get it done for 8*s.* at Plymouth. Has charged a bill on the Navy Treasurer for 200*l.*	133
„ „	„ -	Adm. Com.	Capt. Blagg has accepted the commission. The Success and Falmouth have arrived from Portsmouth, and the Diamond and others will sail towards the Isle of Wight to-morrow. The crew of the Expedition, having been out 22 months, want money and clothes; they are in a sad condition; desires they may be paid. The Reformation of Dartmouth has arrived from St. Lucar, bound for London, and is worth 20,000*l.* The Lubecker brought in by the President has been freed, so will purchase her lading of tar and deals.	134
„ „	Roger Marten, *Plymouth.*	„	Will sail to Portsmouth in the company of the Expedition, Nicodemus, and other ships, to-morrow, but the Success and Falmouth await further orders.	135
„ „	Geo. Strelley, *Plymouth.*	Rich. Hutchinson.	Has charged a bill of 10*l.* on them for an anchor for the Duchess, and asks order respecting her, and the Gift's stores.	136
„ „	Thos. Alderne, *London.*	Peter Pett, Navy Comr. *Chatham.*	Desires an order to supply ships needing only three months' beer with beer in wooden-bound casks, and only those for longer periods in iron-bound, as the hoops are difficult to obtain. Also that the old provisions in the fleet be used up first, the victualling hoy speedily sent back, and some ships sent into the Hope to be victualled, so as to prevent seamen running on shore.	137
„	Dutch Prize officers	Navy Com^rs	Ask whether to contract with Eliz. Sheares, widow, for the Golden prize, according to their order of the 12th.	138

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Jan. 15	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Asks where any Eastland commodities may be had. There are some cables, anchors, and marble stones with Col. Stapley, which were cast away in a Dutch ship near Arundel, as also some masts at Jersey. Recommends Geo. Woolfry, late boatswain of the Fox, for employment in the Guinea.	1
,, ,,	——— - -	—	List of 37 State and merchants' ships preparing for the sea, and riding between London and the Hope, and notes of their forwardness.	2
,, ,,	Hen. Roach and William Wood, *Wapping.*	Jno. Thurloe.	For an order to the Commissioners of Dutch Prizes not to dispose of the Hope, she being fit to fetch masts from Scotland.	3
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Reference of a memorandum from Jas. Baxter, desiring consideration of the request of the bailiffs and inhabitants of Malden, that some of the frigates may be built there.	4, 5
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to furnish Capt. Sherwin with a cable, and supply him with moneys at Liverpool, on his letter.	6
,, ,,	John Poortmans, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sends list of ships ready to sail, but some of whom are delayed, and disorders arise for want of officers. The men of the London refuse to serve any longer unless paid. Sends the names of four of the ringleaders. Nath. Ellis, the boatswain of the Sussex, is very profane, and that of the Kentish frigate a revolter; Capt. Phil. Marshal, commander of the John and Elizabeth, and then of the Marmaduke, taken by Prince Rupert but recaptured, has been brought in a prisoner by his men. Capt. Lucas, of the Society, wants his commission, and the Tulip and Speaker their officers. Is going to Chatham to attend the Navy Commissioners.	7
,, ,,	John Poortmans, *Chatham Hill.*	,,	Delivered their letters to General Monk and the Navy Commissioners, and is now going to the fleet at Quinborough. Desires the removal of Jno. Chiswick, cook of the Convertine, and John London, gunner of the Vanguard, for misconduct, and sends an information thereon. The malignity of Phil. Marshal has been since confirmed by Capt. Mildmay.	8
,, ,,	,, -	Robert Blackborne.	Thanks for moving the Admiralty Committee for the person he recommended. Has told Mr. Harvey he will receive the steward's instructions early.	9
,, 16	Comr. Peter Pett and N. Bourne, *Chatham Hill.*	Adm. Com.	Came from the fleet yesterday, and will return on Tuesday, when they will give Mr. Poortmans all assistance. Wish all the clerks of the check and stewards were sent down, as the victuals will be ready for shipping shortly. Send a list of ships at Chatham and Quinborough, with particulars of their rates, ordnance, &c., also of persons recommended for stewards, &c., and desire that their warrants may be sent down. Blames the victuallers for not providing iron-bound casks for beer, as the others will perish under the ballast. The Triumph and three others have sailed, and others will sail to-morrow.	10
,, ,,	,, -	Navy Com^rs^	To like effect. Want reed and nails, and instructions for clerks of the check and stewards -	11

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Jan. 17	Rich. Arnold - -	—	Lists of seamen fit for employment in the service, with their characters. [7 *papers.*] - -	12–18
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm.Com.	For an order to purchase 100 lasts of tar at Leith - - - - - -	19
,, ,,	Tobias Randolph, *Ratcliffe Free School.*	Navy Com^rs^	For the restitution of Christopher Barrett, gunner of the Phœnix, a runaway apprentice, illegally harboured by his friends.	20
,, ,,	Robert Ashe, *New Prison.*	,,	For pardon for issuing a false note, having been driven to it by poverty and want, through non-payment of his wages as a seaman.	21
,, 18	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm.Com.	Has written the Ordnance officers for stores for the ships. The Diamond and others sailed for Portsmouth yesterday, and the Success and Falmouth will cruise in the Channel, according to Council's order. A ship of Brest has taken several coasters between the Lizard and Land's End.	22
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	,,	Send a list of captains, lieutenants, clerks of the check, and masters, recommended. The want of officers for the fire-ships is very prejudicial. Send instructions for clerks of the check and stewards, but fear the change at present will hinder the service.	23
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Suffill, *Duchess.*	,,	Capt. Sparling is indifferent whether to command the President or Duchess. Asks commissions for his officers, and an order to Capt. Hatsell for four more guns.	24
,, ,,	Dutch Prize officers	,,	Account of the number and sizes of brass and iron guns taken in prizes named; total, 218 -	25
,, ,,	Jno. Gay, *Dublin* -	Robert Blackborne.	Thanks for introducing him and his wife to the Customs' officers at Bristol, and to Mr. Symson, who expedited their passage. There is a High court of justice set up in Dublin and other places, and the Lord is answering the many prayers put up by the saints, by making inquisition for blood, with a witness. Has not yet heard of Mr. Fitzharrett.	26
,, 19	Adm. Com. -	Adm. Com^rs^ *Chatham.*	Send the commissions for the clerks of the check. The victuallers have sent 600 tons of beer in iron bound casks to the fleet. Begs them to hasten the despatching the fleet to sea, and to send up Jno. Poortmans with accounts.	27
,, ,,	Capt Thos. Vallis, *Expedition, Portsmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Arrived at Spithead in company of Capts. Marten and Ledgant, from Plymouth, and saw the Navy Commissioner, who ordered him to bring in his ship to be re-fitted.	28
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Nicodemus, Portsmouth.*	,,	Asks to be discharged of his command, and appointed to some other frigate. Has given the Navy Commissioners an account of his frigate.	29
,, ,,	Capt. Roger Marten, *Diamond, Portsmouth.*	,,	Arrived here in company of the Expedition, Nicodemus, and several merchantmen, and has orders from the Navy Commissioners to cruise in the Channel for discovery of the enemy; but has been 17 weeks at sea, and being very foul, requires an order to clean.	30
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	The Hopewell pink wants a mainmast and victuals, and the master being insolent ought to be suspended. The Diamond, Expedition, and Nicodemus have arrived from Plymouth, much out of repair, and their crews destitute, and will not stir until they are paid. Recommends Mathew Ball to succeed Wm. Whitehorne, gunner of the Providence, appointed lieutenant of the President.	31

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Jan. 19	Major Bourne, *Vanguard, Quinborough.*	Adm. Com.	Nothing shall be omitted to despatch the fleet, and Mr. Poortmans will give account of stores required; has used his influence with the seamen, who are in good temper, and hopes they will answer to the encouragement lately given them by Parliament, but some who expected full pay are dissatisfied, although sensible that the rude carriage of some merited the abatement. The merchant ships engaged are very zealous for the honour of the nation, but want pay and indemnity. A small quantity of iron-bound casks for beer have been delivered. Has paid off the Warwick and other ships named, and is continuing to pay.	32
„ 20	Lieut.-Col. Charles Worsley, Jeffrey Elatson, J. Hodgson, Thos. Scott, *James' Garrison.*	„	Recommend the petition of a poor soldier in the Lord General's regiment, who has suffered much, and is very faithful to the present Government.	33
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Have distributed the State's ships into ranks: 1st, 400 men or more; 2nd, 300; 3rd, 200; 4th, 140; 5th, 80; 6th, 40. Several people who have supplied provisions and stores are very pressing for their money. Have contracted with Mr. Bushell for the Brazil frigate at 410*l.* a month, he finding victuals and wages. Want orders for taking up other ships. Request that the subtreasurer of the fleet may have money for contingencies, and to pay off tickets of discharged sick, and wounded men.	34
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Has received the list of persons appointed clerks of the check and stewards, and their instructions, and wishes they also had arrived, as the service is retarded. The 600 iron-bound casks for the fleet had not arrived on Saturday. Sailing of ships.	35
„ „	John Dymock, storekeeper, *Portsmouth.*	—	Inventory in detail of all the stores in his custody, surveyed by order of Capt. Fras. Willoughby. [16 *pages.*]	36
„ „	Admiralty Com. -	—	Order that Sir Hen. Vane or Col. Thomson present to Council a report on the readiness of the fleet.	37
„ „	„ -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to give to all officers concerned the instructions on the duties of clerks of the check and stewards.	38
„ „	General Blake, *Quinborow Water.*	„	To pay the wages due to Capt. Thos. Adams, late commander of the Paul, who is coming up to London for them, that he may not lose time.	39
„ 21	„ -	Adm.Com.	Recommends the removal of Capt. Hen. Southwood into the Providence - - - -	40
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Send an extract of a letter from Commissioner Willoughby, requesting the appointment of a master attendant at Portsmouth, and an account of additions and alterations needed at the yard there.	41–43
„ „	Edmnd. Courteis *Guinea Frigate, Spithead.*	Robt. Coytmor,	The State is much abused by press-masters pressing poor creatures, and leaving able seamen; desires to be removed into another ship.	44

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Jan. 21	Robert Dobell, storekeeper.	—	Account of powder in the stores at Plymouth - - - - - - - -	45
,, ,,	Wm. Smith -	Navy Com^rs	Account of stores in the rope yard at Woolwich - - - - - - - -	46
,, 22	Admiralty Com. -	—	List of numerous persons petitioning or recommended for preferment as captains, masters, clerks of the check, boatswains, &c. in the State's ships. [7 *sheets, including the names of the next* 4 *petitioners.*]	47
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[,, ,,]	Capt. Phil. Holland, late of the *Cignet.*	Adm.Com.	Petition for a larger ship. Deserted merchandising voyages for the service to his loss, and engaged in two skirmishes with the Dutch.	48
[,, ,,]	Thos. Turner, late in the *Sovereign.*	,,	Petition for a captain or master's place - - - - - - - -	49
[,, ,,]	Phil. Johnson -	,,	Petition for the mastership of the Speaker, or some other ship . - - - -	50
[,, ,,]	Wm. Hopkins -	,,	Petition for the master carpenter's place on one of the new frigates - - - -	51
,, ,,	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	,,	Urges the appointment of an assistant to the Secretary there - - - - -	52
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Particulars of the sailing of ships to the fleet at Quinborough. Intends a general muster of the whole fleet there next Tuesday. Wants 14 guns for the Rainbow, and an order for masts to be sent from London for the ships at Portsmouth. Hopes Major Bourne will come down on Tuesday.	53
,, 24	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Recommends Capt. Robt. Collman for the command of a ship, he having served as captain, and taken several prizes.	54
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Crampe, *George Bonadventure, Cowes.*	—	Hears that all hired ships under 26 guns are to be discharged; has served with his ship 10 years, and could carry 26, though only having 20. Asks to be continued in pay until he delivers up his ship where he was first hired.	55
,, ,,	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Account of arms and ordnance stores formerly allowed to ships from the 1st to the 6th rate, and of the proposals of the Generals of the fleet as to the allowance for the future.	56
,, ,,	Com. Peter Pett, *Triumph, Quinborough.*	,,	Has settled the clerks of the check and stewards, and the ships are being victualled. Will muster the fleet to-morrow. Proposes that some of the merchant ships hired as convoys be discharged, and their men added to the fleet. Several ships have been sent to Chatham for repairs, &c.	57
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	,,	Repeat their desire that the officers for the fire-ships may be appointed - - - -	58
,, ,,	Thos. Clements -	,,	Petition for the place of master cook in some ship or frigate. With certificate by Phin. Pett, Thos. Malery, and four others.	59, 60
,, 25	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks a warrant to impress men for the Gift and Duchess, and appointment of officers. The Success and Falmouth have arrived from France. A man-of-war of Brest has taken five or six coasting barks. Recommends Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, of Dartmouth, for the command of the Sampson.	61

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Jan. 25	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Comrs.	To order the victuallers to supply small vessels of the fleet with four months' provisions, and the larger with five.	62
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Powell, steward of the Paul.	Sends him a copy of the instructions ordered by the Navy Commissioners to be furnished to all stewards of ships; viz.: to take charge of harbour and sea victuals; indent with the victuallers for all sent on board; issue none to supernumeraries without special order; and give receipts for any transferred from other ships to his.	63
„ 26	Robert Coytmor -	[Sir Hen. Vane.]	Returns the letters to the Vice-Admirals of Essex and Sussex, as there are no such persons; only knows two in the commonwealth, viz., Col. Rouse, Vice-Admiral of Cornwall, and Mr. Elliott of Devon. The Admiralty Committee have sent their opinion as to impressing seamen to Council, who have ordered proclamation to be made accordingly, and written the justices of Surrey, Middlesex, and Kent to send up lists of all seamen and watermen within their precincts, and ordered the masters and wardens of Watermen's Hall to enlist 500 watermen as seamen, the Navy Commissioners appointing them three assistants.	64
„ „	Adm. Comrs., *Chatham Hill.*	Navy Com[rs]	To hasten the shipping of the New England and other masts and provisions for Portsmouth, as a convoy will be going there this week; also to order Capt. Wildey to send all the State's ships in the river to the fleet.	65
„ 27	Thos. Newberry -	—	Account of ordnance brought from various garrisons in the Nicodemus, and put on shore at Portsmouth. [2 *copies.*]	66, 67
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	[Adm. Com.]	Will send the masts at Chatham to Portsmouth. Council has ordered the master and wardens of Watermen's Hall to put 510 watermen on board the fleet in the Hope, and made proclamation for all officers and seamen to repair on board by Saturday on pain of death, and all other seamen to list at Trinity House, and the constables of each parish to send a list of those lodging therein. Officers for fire-ships are very shy, and Capt. Gregory refuses to serve, so they must find some themselves; have asked Mr. Willoughby to provide them for the two at Portsmouth. Adam Smith, formerly captain of the Jonathan fire-ship, has solicited like employment.	68
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *Bryer, Tynemouth Haven.*	Robt. Quitmore [Coytmor].	Cruising on the North coast, fell in with a Flushing man-of-war that had taken three English vessels; having fired a broadside, he yielded and two of the English ships were rescued; should have had the other but night set in, and he had a fleet under his charge. Has left the prize with the Collectors for Prize Goods; as she has 15 guns and other provisions and is a good sailer, she will make a serviceable man-of-war.	69
„ 28	John Madock, Mayor, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order for impressing seamen, and his brethren and officers are in diligent execution of it; will send up an account of the men pressed.	70
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Delivered their letters to the Vice-Admirals of Devon and Cornwall, and to the Mayor of Plymouth and Capt. Blagg. The Governor of St. Christopher's writes that Prince Rupert is at Guadaloupe with two ships, having lost his brother Maurice in a late hurricane.	71

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1653. Jan. 28	Wm. Kiffen and two others, *London.*	Navy Com.	Certificate that Jas. Moddie (who has lived many years in Holland, but by reason of the differences and deadness of trade has been forced to repair to his own nation) is a very honest man, and capable of any ordinary employment. Noted that he served the West India Company at sea five years.	72
„ „	Jno. Davies -	„	Inventory of stores at Deptford. [6 *pages*] - - - - - - - -	73
„ 28	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham Dock.*	Adm. Com.	Suggests in the building of ships that one experienced carpenter be appointed as overseer; it will only cost 20*l.* or 24*l.* to each ship, and they will be hundreds of pounds the better. Account of ordnance wanted for the George.	74
„ „	Thos. Mathew, Mayor, Wm. Nottell, and Rich. Harris, aldermen, *Barnstaple.*	„	Will impress what seamen they can within their own limits, which do not extend beyond the parish and town, but send the names of magistrates at Bideford, Northam, and Ilfracombe, who will do the like beyond them.	75, 75*a*
„ „	Edw. Spurwaie, Mayor, *Dartmouth.*	Sir Hen. Vane.	Has given orders to the constables to summon all the mariners to appear at the Guildhall to-morrow at 8 a.m., that they may receive press and conduct money.	76
„ „	Adm. Comrs., *Chatham Hill.*	Adm. Com.	To quicken the victuallers to send down the provisions to the fleet, and take their account; also to take steps for supplying seamen, and hasten away the masts and provisions for Portsmouth and the ships in the river; also to inform clerks of the check that if they are not at Chatham by to-morrow, their places will be disposed of to others.	77
„ „	William Wildey, *London.*	„	Gave a list of the ships in the river to Mr. Poortmans, their clerk, and will hasten them down with all speed. Particulars of their stations.	78
„ „	Thos. Scott -	[Navy Com^rs.]	The master of the Centurion is willing to take charge as pilot for the Downs, but desires some consideration. No victuals have come down to the Martin, and there is a want of tar. The Falcon and Wildman fire-ships are at Blackwall; will hire men to bring them to Deptford. The Centurion wants some carpentering done.	79
„ „	Thos. Greene -	„	Has given a bill upon them for 120*l.* for goods bought, and hopes it will be met - - -	80
„ 29	Ro. Dornford, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Portsmouth frigate will be ready for service next Tuesday, and has had much work done on her.	81
„ „	Capt. Anth. Houlding, *Ruby, Portsmouth.*	„	Will sail to Spithead, and the Pearl is ready to go with him. Desires order to Mr. Newberry to supply him with some guns out of the Nicodemus; wants powder, shot, and a commission for Edw. Leverick to be his lieutenant.	82

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Jan. 29	Geo. Price, *London*	Navy Com^rs^	Has not yet received the cash for masts and deals sold last May for ready money, and Mr. Hutchinson cannot appoint any time when he will pay. The goods are now worth double the price. Being an Eastland merchant, has been involved in the hazard if not loss of 5,000*l.* in hemp, masts, &c. detained by the King of Denmark, which he provided on contract for this commonwealth. Mr. Shish now wants some oars, which will amount to 700*l.* more, and which he can have, provided they are paid for at the time agreed upon, and if an order is given for payment of the masts and deals, and allowance made for the forbearance.	83
„ „	Adm. Comrs., *Chatham Hill.*	„	Robert George has been a diligent hearer of God's word, and of honest and religious conversation. Asks whether, as he is purser of the Martin, he shall be continued as clerk of the check. Noted that a warrant was granted for him. With certificate by Jas. Langley, minister of St. George's Southwark in his behalf.	84, 85
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send an account from the victuallers of provisions despatched to the fleet. Have hired a ship to transport the masts from Portsmouth. All commanders are ordered to go down to the fleet with their ships. The addresses of the clerks of the check are not known; will give them notice as they come in. Desire that Wm. Partridge, former master of the Rebecca fire-ship, may be appointed captain of the Wildman.	86
„ 30	Saml. Taverner, Governor of *Deal Castle.*	„	Saw four ships on the back of the Sand eastward, and supposes they are part of the Dutch fleet, as several guns were fired.	87
„ 31	Wm. Harding -	Sir Hen. Vane, *Chatham.*	Sends an order and petition, and hopes the bearer will have an order for the convoy desired, as the money for Jersey and Guernsey is ready for transportation. The Governors there will be able to send over 200 or 300 seamen for the service, if directed.	88
„ „	Hen. Dawson, Mayor, *Newcastle.*	Adm. Com.	Issued warrants to the several constables to bring in all the mariners and seamen they could find; most of the ships of the town had sailed, but the men can be pressed when they come to London; there are five ships waiting for men. Those pressed will have conduct money, and notes to repair to Nath. Tearne at Deptford.	89
„ „	Rich. Newberry -	„	Sends list of the officers and note of the men of the Entrance, with remarks as to their fitness, &c.	90
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	To order the captains of ships in the fleet, when men are turned over, to give their tickets to their new captain, that he may keep them until their discharge, which will prevent the loss of men in coming for their wages. Beg consideration for [Geo. Price] and others induced to part with their goods for ready money, and then deceived; for the credit of the service, such debts should be cleared.	91

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1653. Jan. 31	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Have issued all the powder in the stores, and cannot proceed further without a fresh supply. Enclose account of powder in the makers' hands upon old contracts; no one has brought any in upon the new, save Mr. Dewey. Furnished the Welcome, but 39 barrels have been returned damaged, through a leakage in the ship. Ask orders to send away a hoy with ammunition for Portsmouth, and to remove 300 barrels of powder from Dover there, where 20 sail are waiting for stores.	92
Jan.	——	—	Estimate of the cost of setting a small ship at Ratcliffe to sea for six months - - -	93
"	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to present a perfect list of all State vessels and merchant ships now employed, with their dimensions, and numbers of men and guns.	94
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Feb. 1	Adm. Comrs., *Chatham.*	"	To give notice to Captain Witheridge, who is to command the Mary prize, Capt. Cubit the Tulip, and Capt. Robt. Tailor the Raven, to join their ships, and hasten to Quinborough; also to send down the stores to the fleet.	1
" "	-	"	To hasten down the flags, ensigns, and pendants for the fleet - - - - -	2
" "	" -	"	To make out a bill of imprest for 500*l.* to the deputy treasurer of the fleet, for minor disbursements.	3
" "	Capt. Wm. Kendall, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken a Holland ship off the Lizard, with a quantity of letters, and a lading of sugar, oil, and tobacco, and brought her into Plymouth, where the captain has been examined before the Mayor.	4
" 2	John Waterton and seven others.	"	Recommend Robt. Long of Stepney, mariner, for the place of master on one of the State's ships -	5
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Proceedings upon ships in harbour. Wants a commission for Humphrey Morris as commander of the Fortune fire-ship, and also for the officers for the Renown.	6
" "	Jno. Treherne, clerk of check, *Portsmouth.*	Navy and Customs' Comrs.	The Ruby has gone to Spithead, and the Portsmouth, President, Providence, Diamond, and Great James are nearly fitted.	7
" "	Capt. John Taylor and four others.	Navy Com[rs]	Recommend Samuel Richardson for employment as a clerk of the check - - - -	8
" "	Sam. Richardson -	Gen. Desborow.	Begs employment, though his accounts are not passed. Has given them in, and the State owes him 60*l.* for the last voyage.	9
" "	Adm. Comrs., *Chatham Hill.*	Navy Com[rs]	Recommend Hen. Kennion and Jas. Dry for the command of fire-ships in the Thames or at Portsmouth.	10

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1653. Feb. 3	Adm. Comrs. -	Navy Com^rs	To make out a bill to General Deane for 400*l.* to supply him with necessaries - - -	11
" "	Hum. Felstead, *Marigold, Hilake.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of victualling. Is waiting for Mr. Wale, and will then convoy his ship and the others for Galway, and return to the coast of Wales and revictual.	12
" "	Bailiffs of Yarmouth	"	Have impressed 80 men, and given them tickets for their appearance at Deptford, and will get as many more as they can, and send up account of disbursements.	13
" "	Adm. Comrs., *Chatham Hill.*	Navy Com^rs	Have received the list of the seamen coming down to Gravesend, and desire the rest may be hastened away, as also the fire-ships, flags, and provisions to the fleet. Have written the Generals respecting the tickets, and approve their refusing payment of them.	14
" "	Nath. Keith - -	Gens. Blake and Deane.	Recommends Abr. Sheare as a lieutenant. He has been three times to the West Indies, and his mother's whole stock, 1,500*l.*, was taken by the French coming from Virginia. With certificate in favour of Sheare by John Walker and Rich. Arnold, March 17.	15, 16
" "	Adm. Comrs., *Triumph, Quinborough Road.*	Navy Com^rs	You are to pay any demands made by Major Burton and Major Wilde of Yarmouth, whom we have desired to impress men for the fleet.	17
" 4	Thos. Mathew, Mayor of Barnstaple, and others.	"	We have given notice to the neighbouring parishes that such seamen as will serve on the late resolves of Parliament for the encouragement of seamen should come in, but only two came, who were sent to the Mayor of Plymouth; many may be procured when there is order to press in the places where they live.	18
" "	Capt. Robert Vessy, *Truelove, Chester.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting for some convoys bound for Scotland with provisions for the army. Complains of the idleness of his purser, Jonathan Randall, and of the want of men and provisions, without which he cannot go to sea.	19
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	—	The Vice-Admirals of Devon and Cornwall have sent no men, but the Mayor of Dartmouth has sent 18, 20 have been pressed at Plymouth, and 5 volunteers came from Barnstaple. Has sent them all on board the Success, Gift, and Duchess, and has received the warrants for their officers, so that they will now be able to sail. A ship from Morlaix reports that there are several Dutch men-of-war and merchant ships in Brest and Conquet Road, waiting for a wind to come up the Channel.	20
" "	Edw. Beane, keeper of the South Foreland Light.	Navy Com^rs	Will observe their orders as to keeping the lights as formerly for the advantage of the fleet -	21
" "	Hen. Greene and 11 others.	—	Recommend Thomas Wilkinson, a reduced tradesman of Aldgate, for a place as clerk of the check.	22
" "	Drue Sparrow, *Triumph, Quinborough Water.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Swan, Weymouth pink, and Mayflower, are ordered up to Deptford to victual, man, and tallow, and then wait for further orders.	23

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Feb. 4	Mich. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Col. Geo. Thompson.	On account of the Lord's visitation, was compelled to remove the custom house from the port into the country, where it remained a whole year, during which time none of the State's vessels came into the harbour. The Truelove has sailed as convoy to some vessels with provisions for Ayr, and Capt. Sherwin with money for the soldiers in Ireland, as also with Col. Lorance and other officers and commanders.	24
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell -	Wm. Rowe	Will furnish account of money expended in due course, but is a creditor to some extent - -	25
„ 5	Capt. Lionel Lane, *Victory.*	Major Salwey.	Asks that Mrs. Purvis may have her vessel restored, as agreed by the Generals, she having sustained great loss by the death of her husband while in the service.	26
„ „	John Mill, *Dover* -	Sir Hen. Vane.	Sends an account of stores required by the Crow - - - - - -	27
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com	Has released the seamen who mutinied at the last pay, after 4 days' restraint and humble submission. Was obliged to give some tickets. Thinks the officers tried to suppress the disturbance, but the alehouse wives, of which the town is too full, are the greatest abettors.	28
„ „	Adm. Com., *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^rs	To hasten down the pressed watermen and the ships in the river to the general rendezvous in the Swinn, between the Shoe and Whitacre.	29
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Send account by Thos. Newberry of guns, ammunition, &c. required for the stores at Portsmouth, and desire instructions. With the account.	30, 31
„ 6	Capt. Eli. Drewe, *Lucie, Highlands of Scotland.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has received 16 brass guns and 300 muskets from the Marquis of Argyle, although the Highlanders were much vexed at it; will sail with the first wind to Ayr, and deliver them to Col. Oldreed.	32
„ 7	[Rob. Blackborne] -	—	List of 14 ships still in the river, and note that the rest are gone to the general rendezvous -	33
„ „	Capt. Wm. Redgacke, *Katherine, Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The General has taken most of his men, and sent him to Gravesend for a fresh company. Shall wait further orders.	34
„ „	Majors Wm. Burton, Thos. Wilde, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com. and Generals of the fleet.	Will procure all the seamen they can in the town and parts adjacent, and send them up; the bailiffs have already sent up above 200, chiefly volunteers, and very proper men.	35
„ „	Bailiffs of *Yarmouth*	„	Have impressed above 100 seamen with volunteers, and given them press and conduct money to Deptford, which, with those sent up in December, will make 203. Will do all that is possible to get more.	36
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to consider whether the Mayflower, now at Deptford, can carry 10 more men - -	37
„ 8	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Adm. Com.	Sends account of the stations of ships named. The Sampson and the Arms of Holland are paid off. Will hasten the frigates to the fleet, and is hourly forced to quicken their officers.	38
„ „	Thos. Cornelius, Mayor, *Southampton.*	„	Sends a list of 21 men pressed. Has summoned all between 15 and 50 to appear with the list, and requests payment of 27*s.* 6*d.* charges, but on account of the great decay of trade, and few ships arriving, seamen are not to be had. With the list, and request for payment of 2*s.* 6*d.* charges.	39, 40

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1653. Feb. 8	Rich. Swan, Sam. Chadwell, and Alex. Johnson, officers of the *London*.	Sir Hen. Vane and [Adm.] Com^rs.	Petition for payment of their wages in common with the others, having been out six months, and ventured their lives in both the engagements with the Dutch. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners.	41
,, ,,	Capt. Peter Strong -	Navy Com^rs	Certificate in favour of Mathew Miller, steward of the Recovery - - - - -	42
,, 9	Daniel Taylor, *Custom House.*	Robt. Blackborne.	To move Col. Thompson on behalf of Mr. Littlejohn, for the command of a ship as captain -	43
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The Liverpool ships attend to their own trade instead of acting as convoys. Beg an order to Capt. Wyard to join his ship and to carry men to the fleet, though he says he will not go, but will go to Hull; also for an order for payment of the 5*l.* allowed by Parliament for every 100 sick men in the merchant ships employed by the State; also that they would hasten the hoys with victuals for the fleet to the Downs.	44
,, ,,	Drue Sparrow, *Triumph, The Swinn.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has received the instructions for the clerks of the check and stewards by Capt. Witheridge, and is getting the fleet into a fit posture. Sends a letter for Mr. Powell.	45
,, ,	Ordnance officers -	—	Certificate that 43*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* is due to Edw. Raddon, for Capt. Hen. Hatsell of Plymouth, for powder and shot for the Duchess, Diamond, and Expedition.	46
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	For a bill of imprest upon the Navy Treasurer for 400*l.* to procure provisions for sick and wounded men, the receipt of the tenths not sufficing.	47
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order that the Dutch prize at Newcastle be fitted for service, Capt. Wetwang to be commander -	48
,, 10	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has lain two nights "upon the hard deck of a nasty sprat boat." Sends a letter from the Generals of the fleet, who will sail this day with a gallant fleet of 50 ships well manned. Particulars of other ships. Is glad they have appointed Wildey to assist Major Bourne in taking up the 40 merchantmen.	49
,, ,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Had to commit three men of the London; one of them, Alex. Johnson, a Scot, struck the messenger and forced his passage. Rich. Swan confesses he is a Roman Catholic, and would never do duty, and both they and Shadwell were represented by their captain to be mutineers and dangerous fellows, and deserve to be punished instead of being paid wages on their tickets.	50
,, ,,	Hen. Dawson, Mayor, *Newcastle.*	Rich. Salwey.	Encloses description of three men impressed, but there are ships in harbour that cannot sail for want of men. Yesterday was set apart in seeking the Lord for a blessing upon our counsels, and good success to our navy going to sea.	51, 52
,, ,,	Capt. Jas. Talbott and A. Corsellis.	—	Certificate that Christopher Harker faithfully served as steward of the Samuel - - -	53
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have appointed Rowland Bevan as master of the Speaker prize, *alias* the Sophia, not knowing they had granted a warrant for the same to Hen. Story, who has neglected attending until now.	54
,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne -	Navy Com^rs	The Commissioners having heard the business between Mr. Bevan and Mr. Story, have confirmed Bevan's appointment to the Sophia.	55

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Feb. 10	John Poortmans, *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Sends list of six ships at Deptford, one at Blackwall, and four at Woolwich, which will fall down with the first wind, but the commanders should be ordered to keep on board.	56
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Complains of difficulties, abuses, and expense in getting the pressed men into the ships. Has had to hire a ketch to take them to Chatham, they paying 6*d.* each.	57
„ 11	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	A great fleet of ships have been seen near the Lizard, and 300 Dutch merchantmen and several men-of war have sailed from Rochelle for the Channel. Arranged with a captain bound for Morlaix to obtain some tar there, and with another to go to Norway for tar and deals, but the latter was intercepted by the Dutch. Particulars of ships. Asks for a commission for Capt. Robert Plumleigh of Dartmouth.	58
„ „	John Poortmans, *Gravesend.*	„	Sends an account by William Field of 11 ships in the river ready to sail. Hears the fleet sailed yesterday out of the Swinn. Procured 60 men out of the town for Capt. Redjack. The Cignet, Martin, and Nightingale have arrived and want men. An agent from Sweden has arrived.	59, 60
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robert Blackborne	Asks for an order for some bolt and bar shot to be made for supply of ships as they come in -	61
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Present Dudley Harvey, as recommended by Com. Pett and General Monk, for a clerk of the check in one of the State's ships.	62
„ 12	Capt. John Lawson, *Fairfax, Dover Road.*	Sir Hen. Vane.	His life was in danger in the wars by the treacheries of Sir Hugh Cholmley and Col. Boynton. Was an instrument to discover that intended by Sir Jno. Hotham; particulars of his services by sea and land to great loss; would have left the service but for the breaking out of this war. Is going to sea again to engage with the Dutch, and if he falls, hopes his wife and children will be well considered.	63
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Send certificate of Rich. Langford and Robt. Moulton, in favour of Peter Cooper, for a commission as captain, and desire they will give him the command of a fire-ship.	64, 65
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Recommend, at request of Capt. Jas. Dry, Hen. Hutchson as boatswain and Thos. Harvard as gunner for the John Baptist fire-ship at Dover.	66
„ „	Capt. William Wildey, *Ratcliffe.*	Sir Hen. Vane.	Sends account of ships in the river; has given warrant as enclosed to eight captains to sail to the fleet in the Downs. Asks approval, and consideration of his services.	67, 68
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	Despatch of ships at Deptford and Woolwich; some of the ships want men - - -	69
„ „	Drue Sparrow, *Dover Road.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will return the list required when able, but has been fully engaged in giving instructions to the ships for sailing and fighting. Hopes the ships in the river have been hastened down; will be glad of any letters from his "dearest."	70
„ 13	Capt. And. Rand, and three others, *Lisbon Merchant.*	Adm. Com.	Have arrived near Tilbury Hope with their ships, and hear the Generals have left the rendezvous, and are with the whole fleet in Dover Road. Ask further orders whether to venture to the fleet, as also a supply of men.	71

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1653. Feb. 13	Capt. Robert Wyard, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Has attended Mr. Morris at Gravesend since Tuesday, to receive such seamen and watermen as he should put on board, but none have arrived; the wind being fair, most of them go in ketches and hoys to the fleet in the Downs.	72
„ 14	Navy Comrs. -	„	If they are satisfied of the capabilities of William Cooper for the command of a fire-ship, will give him a warrant for one at Portsmouth, those in the river being provided.	73
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Send an account of brass and iron ordnance in the stores fit for the George and other ships named.	74
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	For an order to Fras. Willoughby at Portsmouth to execute matters mentioned in a paper enclosed. (Missing.)	75
„ „	Robert Coytmor -	Navy Com^rs	Sends letters from Will. Briggs and Col. Owen Rowe, recommending Jos. Heily for employment as a steward.	76, 77
„ 15	Capt. Thos. Vallis, *Expedition, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail as soon as manned and victualled. As his master is not going, wants a warrant for the master of the Tenth Whelp to join his ship, the hastening down of the surgeon and lieutenant, and an order for five more guns.	78
„ „	Roger Marten, *Portsmouth.*	„	The fleet is at anchor off Beachy; hopes Capt. Graves and the Ruby and Pearl who know of this will meet them. The Guinea and two merchantmen are in the Bay waiting further orders. Mr. Tippetts will give account of the readiness of other ships in the harbour.	79
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippets, *Portsmouth.*	Capt. Willoughby.	Capt. Morris is thankful for his appointment, but wants a gunner, steward, and men; a clerk of the check and a steward are required for the Expedition.	80
„ „	„ -	„	Sends copy of a letter directed to the Generals of the fleet, having sent the letter to them. The Ruby and Pearl have gone from Stokes Bay to discover the Dutch fleet. Particulars of the sailing of other ships.	81
„ „	Thos. Cheney, *Aldborough.*	Generals Blake, Deane, and Monk.	Has used all possible means to procure seamen, and those in this town have all gone up as volunteers; the colliers have not enough to man them, but the townsmen "have small stomach to adventure to sea this summer."	82
„ „	Wm. Gregory -	Major Thomson.	For an order for the payment of his wages, being in great distress, and likely to be arrested for debt.	83
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com	The Success and several others have sailed for the Isle of Wight, the Falmouth has come in from Scilly, and reports that the Dutch fleet is in the Channel. Wishes Capt. Plumleigh appointed Captain for the Sampson; asks what number of men she is to carry. Is still enlisting men.	84
„ „	Capt. David Dove, *Portsmouth.*	„	Being appointed to the command of the Tenth Whelp, desires an order for a surgeon, and for the number of men she is to carry; is ordered 60, but her former complement was 70.	85

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Feb. 15	John Poortmans, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships that have sailed and are ready to sail. Took the commanders' ships' boats with him and searched every wherry and merchant ship, and thus procured 70 seamen who were put on board. Is going to the Hope to take an account of the ships there.	86
" ,	E. Hayward, clerk of the survey, *Chatham.*	"	Petition for increase of his salary of 70*l.*, being obliged to keep a clerk, and his duties heavy, owing to the continual preparation of ships.	87
" "	" -	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to forward his petition, as it will not be so successful if deferred; Mr. Holland having ceased to act as surveyor, his care and trouble is enlarged.	88
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Beg the appointment of a master attendant at Portsmouth, the business being too heavy for the commissioner; recommend Capt. Wm. Badelow for the place.	89
" "	" -	"	Recommend Edw. Halliday for the place of boatswain in the Hunter - - - -	90
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Gravesend.*	"	The appearance of mariners in Ratcliffe was very thin, only 23, which were put on board the Lighthorseman; met in the streets several of the Centurion's men, who were very insolent, and was forced to endure it for want of means to quell them. Shipped some more at Gravesend, and, with the Mayor's assistance, will scour the town. The Centurion and other ships have gone to the fleet; will despatch the others here.	91
" "	Capt. W. Pestell, *Burlington Bay.*	Major-Gen. Deane and Adm. Com.	Having victualled, will convoy the ships bound for Newcastle, Leith, and Dundee with the first fair wind, thence to Inverness and Orkney, and then return to Leith. Wants boatswain and gunner's stores, having been out 18 months. Many colliers were cast away in the late storm.	92
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks that a post may be settled between Salisbury and Portsmouth. Has offered the Salisbury postmaster extra pay for sending expresses.	93
" 16	John Barnard -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the steward's place in the new frigate building at Portsmouth; with certificate of Wm. Flanders and three other pursers in his favour.	94, 95
" "	Robt. Coytmor -	Navy Com^rs^	Asks their report on a reference to them by the Admiralty Committee as to the value of the Bonadventure.	96
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Ask orders as to the disposal of some hoys lying at demurrage at Quinborough, with provisions for the fleet, which were not taken in, and in danger to be captured by a freebooter. The Nonsuch took one of them carrying letters to Van Tromp, and acting as a spy; also orders to pay the money to the merchantmen for their sick and wounded. Want boatswains for the two frigates building at Deptford.	97
" "	Capt. Walter Wood, *Centurion, Downs.*	"	Particulars of ships met with between Deptford and the Downs. The English fleet is plying to the west of Beachy, the Sapphire and six others going after them, which he will do also. The Holland fleet, consisting of 100 men-of-war and 200 merchant ships, are to the westward.	98
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Gravesend.*	"	Searched the town with the aid of the constables for seamen, and shipped 50 on the old Warwick, and then went with John Poortmans to the Hope. The Captain of the John has got 60 men and wants 50 more. Will be on the water with wherries, and search all boats and barges. Particulars of ships there, and their wants.	99

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1653. Feb. 16	Navy victuallers -	Adm. Com.	Particulars of provisions for the fleet sent in hoys or remaining in the stores at Chatham -	100
„ „	B. Lechmere, *Parliament House.*	Mr. Hopkins, Navy Com^r.	To consider the case of Andrew Vesey, late of the Garland, who was wounded and taken prisoner to Holland; with certificate of Jno. Adam, surgeon, that Vesey was wounded in the last engagement with the Dutch.	101
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To put the remainder of the victuals in the hoys into victualling ships, and direct them to follow the fleet. To see to the wants of the Crow, and to hasten down surgeons and surgeons' chests for the Tenth Whelp, Diamond, and Expedition at Portsmouth, as also sails.	102
„ 17	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Send list of ammunition and stores necessary for Portsmouth. The smith cannot make any shot, which is much wanted, unless he is paid the 3,711*l.* 13*s.* 5½*d.* due to him, and has 3,500*l.* more ordered him upon a bill of imprest.	103, 104
„ „	Nicho. Hicksly, *Fowey.*	Robt. Blackborne, Sec^y to the Customs' Comrs.	Will send up an account of the goods, &c. on board the St. Joseph, a Dutch prize, when landed. A Dutch pink laden with wine, vinegar, and aquavitæ has been brought in. 300 sail, supposed to be the Dutch fleet, passed yesterday. Asks who is to receive the prizage on wines; Sir William Waller formerly had it.	105
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The fleet is off the Isle of Wight, expecting the Dutch, who are westward. The Success and several others have sailed. The Generals having written for 150 tuns of water, the Fortune is going out with it. The Portsmouth frigate is still waiting for the money.	106
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order for 35 men to be borne on the Hare under Capt. Pittock - - - - -	107
„ „	Drue Sparrow, *Triumph, off the Isle of Wight.*	Robert Blackborne, secretary to the Adm. Com.	Sends list of the fleet that sailed from the Swinn, and others are arriving. There is continual expectation of action with the Dutch fleet.	108
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Received the commission for Capt. Wyatt to command the Sampson, but does not judge him fit for it, and hopes he has more ingenuity than to accept it. Thinks the name was mistaken for John Waight, who has commanded at the Mount for years, was recommended, but declined a commission on account of wounds in his head.	109
„ 18	Robert Smyth, churchwarden, and 14 others.	—	Certificate in favour of John Howard of Stepney, for employment as master gunner, he having so served for eight years.	110

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Feb. 18	Capt. Wm. Wildey	Adm. Com.	Has surveyed the Dutch prizes and other ships at Woolwich, and ordered necessaries, but the captains and other officers are away from their charge. Desires that his instructions may be reduced to writing, to prevent his proceedings being abortive, by verbal orders from one or another of the Navy Commissioners.	111
" "	Geo. Payler -	Sir Hen. Vane.	Nothing was done as to fetching the guns from the dismantled garrisons, as the Ordnance Committee did not sit. Desires he will hold Messrs. Browne and Powell to their contract to deliver 500 pieces of ordnance into the stores by the end of the month.	112
" "	Serjt. Rich. Taylor, and other soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment.	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners, or the owner of the Prosperous, for their pay until they were discharged. Were taken prisoners by the Dutch in the fight at sea, and on their return, the owner of the ship refused to pay them more than 4*s.* 6*d.* each for the whole of their service.	113
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	If Capt. Wyatt refuses to take the command of the Sampson, will give it to Capt. Plumleigh. The Marmaduke has arrived from Galloway, where she convoyed some provision vessels from Limerick. Will put Capt. Blagg in command during Capt. Bonner's absence in town, but she wants repairing and victualling. Last evening the Dutch fleet were in the offing off the Start, and to the east of Dartmouth.	114
" "	Herbert Cadman, boatswain, *Rainbow, Portsmouth.*	"	Account of expenses incurred on shore in curing his wounds received in the engagement with the Dutch; total 27*l.* 18*s.*	115
" "	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to consider Capt. Allen's request for 10 men more on the Recovery, and certify whether the present number is not sufficient.	116
" "	"	"	Order on request of the Generals of the fleet for 150 tuns of water, to give a warrant to the Navy Victuallers to send 80 or 100 tuns, to be convoyed by the Hare pink.	117
" 19	John Stevens -	"	Contract for the hire of the London, 601 tons, for six months at 195*l.* a month - - -	118
" "	Admiralty Com. -	"	Order to forbear taking up a vessel to convey the water to the fleet, Capt. Willoughby having written word that he has used the Fortune fire-ship.	119, 120
" 20	Thos. Whitton, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne	Returns the warrant sent for the captain of the Middleburg, as the ship has gone to the Downs -	121
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Canterbury.*	Adm. Com.	Went to Gravesend, but Mr. Poortmans was gone to Tilbury Hope to hasten away the ships. Will send to the Governor of Dover to order any ships that come in to sail. The Middleburg has sailed. Thinks the ships, being so unequal in speed and mostly small, should go down separately as occasion presents, and not in a body. Asks for masts, yards, and fishes to be sent to Dover or the Downs.	122
" "	John Poortmans, *Gravesend.*	"	Has been on board the Magdalen, Mayflower, and other ships, most of whom want men; will procure what he can, and put them on board, and then return to London.	123

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1653. Feb. 20	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office, Tower Hill.*	Suppose she has a full account of the engagement. The Assistance, commanded by Bourne's brother, has come in much torn, and he has been wounded in the head; hopes it will not be a mortal wound.	Vol. XLVII. 124
" "	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Reference of the petition of John Wadsworth, commander of the Phœnix, for 230*l.*, value of clothes, bedding, goods, and ready money, lost when the frigate was taken; and 41*l.*, his expenses in returning home.	125
" "	"	"	Reference of the petition of Thos. Bullen, shipwright, for relief, his thigh being broken by a piece of timber when working in Deptford dockyard, and he not being cured after four months.	126
" 21	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Ratcliffe.*	Adm. Com.	Has delivered their warrants to several ships in the river. Those at Woolwich and Deptford are not in a condition to sail. Sends particulars of their present state, but will hasten their despatch, which is obstructed for want of seamen, and that is the general complaint. Is distracted for want of a settlement of his last account.	127
" "	Maj. N. Bourne, *Dover*	"	The Fairfax is at anchor five miles off; has despatched a boat to know her present state - -	128
" "	Capt. Geo. Wyatt, *Pendennis Castle.*	"	Cannot undertake what they desire, being unacquainted with sea affairs, and having received many wounds in the late wars, especially in his head.	129
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Will use the utmost expedition in setting forth the 30 ships, but the great want is seamen; are writing to the justices of peace in adjacent counties, and to the Watermen's Hall, to press and send down 500 watermen. If they will add their letters to the vice-admirals and magistrates of the port towns, they may muster the 3,250 required. Notes of ships.	130
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Have shipped 200 of the 409 barrels of powder in Dover Castle for Portsmouth, and desire order to send them away with other provisions going under a convoy. Enclose list of gunners belonging to the fleet; ask whether they shall send to Mr. Judd, to hasten in the powder he is to deliver.	131
" "	Robert Blackborne -	Navy Com^rs	Recommends Nath. Ellis, boatswain, for a certificate freeing him from being impressed as a common mariner.	132
" "	———	Adm. Com.	Col. Lilburne at Dalkeith inquires about the disposal of the Falcon fly-boat at Leith, which he could sell for a privateer, also of a Dutch ship at Newcastle sent with timber for the fortifications at Inverness, and a Dutch ship left at Inverness.	133
" 22	Navy Comrs. -	"	The Falcon would be of more service as a private man-of-war. Can say nothing about the Falcon fly-boat and the Dutch ship at Inverness.	134

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1653. Feb. 22	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Thanks for the particulars of the successful engagement with the Dutch fleet; is sorry so many good men are taken away who counted not their lives too dear for the cause they undertook. Will fit out the Marmaduke and Sampson, but wants men; a few have come from various places named and been put on board various ships; will endeavour to procure more.	135
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send list of 13 merchant ships contracted for, and desire they will settle the officers for them, having given order to the victuallers and Ordnance officers to supply all necessaries. The ships on the Irish coast should go to Kinsale to revictual. The Recovery ought now to carry 90 men, being an addition of 10. Capt. White will not subscribe upon any terms, unless he still commands the Mayflower.	136
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Send list of 12 merchant ships taken up for the service, and desire order for supplying them with guns and ammunition, also for payment of what is due to the artificers, and for a supply of 800 barrels of powder. Having few gun carriages, think they should be borrowed of the merchant ships in the river.	137
" "	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to inquire into the true state of three ships named in a paper annexed - - -	138
" "	"	"	To order the fitting out of a small Dutch vessel lately taken and brought in to Tenby -	139
" 23	Wm. Billers, *Canterbury.*	Adm. Com.	Has been to Mr. Judd's powder mills at Offspring, Kent, to ascertain what powder and saltpetre could be had; he has shipped 87 barrels; he will have 60 ready by 1 March, and then having a new mill, can supply 40 barrels a week. Is going to Dover to execute further instructions.	140
" "	William Billers, *Dover Pier.*	—	Account of ordnance in the prizes taken in the last engagement with the Dutch, and sent into Dover Pier, 48 pieces.	141
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has given Capt. Blagg the command of the Marmaduke, and she will be speedily fitted for sea. Lieut. Wyatt having declined the command of the Sampson, shall give it to Capt. Plumleigh, and despatch him back to Portsmouth to procure seamen, and supply her with ordnance from the prizes. The Success has brought in a Dutch ship laden with wine. Several guns have been heard to the south-east; thinks the Dutch fleet, having easterly wind, may sail westward. The Portsmouth has sailed from Guernsey to find the fleet.	142
" "	Robt. Blackborne -	Comr. Peter Pett.	Recommends Mathew Miller for employment as clerk of the check, he having acted as steward to Capt. Strong.	143
" "	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Details of ships which, if supplied with men and provisions, can sail in a short time. The Pink prize, formerly a man-of-war, and good sailer, would be of use. The gun carriages for the George are not come down.	144
" "	Jno. Swetnam, Mayor, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Last Saturday 55 wounded seamen were sent ashore out of the Triumph and Worcester, of whom six have since died, and many have been dismembered since they were landed. Although there are no hospitals in this town, they are well accommodated and attended to by the physicians and surgeons. Asks for an order to the Prize Commissioners to reimburse him his expenses herein, as well as in impressing 60 and then 26 seamen sent to Portsmouth.	145

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Feb. 23	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to furnish the Bryer with stores, fit her for service, and report what number of men she should have.	146, 147
„ 24	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Ratcliffe.*	Adm. Com.	Repair and victualling of ships at Woolwich and Deptford. Men are much wanted; intends to take 25 out of the Mary fly-boat, and put them on board the ships at Woolwich, as also what men present themselves at the Trinity House to-day.	148
„ „	Capt. Hum. Felstead, *Marigold, Lochryan, Scotland.*	Robt. Blackborne	After his departure from Chester, was forced into Carrickfergus with his convoys; plying on the coast of Ireland, they were mistaken for Flemish men-of-war, which put the country in great fear, and Capt. Sherwin was sent to see if it were so. Since then, has taken charge of some vessels sent by Col. Venables with provisions much needed for the forces in Ballyshannon, but has now been forced into Lochryan with his convoys by contrary winds.	149
„ „	Christ. Pett and Jonas Shish.	[Navy Comrs.]	Have surveyed the Adam and Eve, and find her much eaten with worms and weak in her bows, but if properly repaired, she will be serviceable for a man-of-war or victualler for many years.	150
„ „	William Billers, *Greyhound, Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Ordered Mr. Norwood of the Diana of Rochester to remain at Dover with the powder, and the Sub-Commissioners for Dutch and French Prizes to have all their powder proved, the good for present service, the rest to be sent to London to be repaired. Will send account of the ordnance and powder in eight prizes at Dover and three at Chatham, but much is embezzled.	151
„ „	„ -	Navy Com^rs^	Account of 32 pieces of ordnance taken out of French prizes and shipped for London - -	152
„ „	Robert Blackborne	„	The Admiralty Committee have received the plans prepared by Mr. Cumberford, and desire a bill may be passed for 5*l.* due to him for them.	153
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Have treated with Robt. Hammond, merchant of London, for four demi-culverins and one sacker of copper for 112*l.* Note of brass and iron ordnance and other materials which may be had from Col. Adrian Scroope at Bristol for fitting out vessels. There are also six guns at Minehead, in the custody of Mr. Bond.	154, 154*a*
„ „	Jno. Hosier, *Dover*	Jno. Poortmans.	Found the Fairfax in the Downs much torn, as also the Weymouth pink and a French ship, fitted at Dover, but without guns. The business being done here, hopes to be ordered northward.	155
„ „	Gualter Frost -	Robt. Blackborne	Asks the hastening of the report of the Admiralty Committee on the petition of Jas. Godschal, merchant, for liberty for a French vessel to pass from Dieppe to Hull, to take in a load of lead there, and return. It would have been given before, but the issue of the engagement at sea was not known.	156
„ „	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to imprest to John Powell, messenger, 100*l.* for expenses of some of the Commissioners' journey to Portsmouth.	157
„ 25	Robert Blackborne -	Thos. Turner.	Asks whether he has received the warrants which were delivered to Major Bourne, appointing Hen. Hutchinson boatswain, and Hen. Knight cook of the John the Baptist.	158

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Feb. 25	General Rich. Deane, *Triumph.*	Robt. Blackborne	Thanks for his letter, and desires him to forward an enclosure - - - - -	159
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Dover.*	„	Will put the Commissioners' commands into execution to-morrow. Capt. Green has come in, and has chased and forced ashore a great Fleming.	160
„ „	Thomas Petty -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of clerk of the check in one of the State's ships, with certificate in his favour by Wm. Carter and two others.	161, 162
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to inquire whether the ship with masts, &c. is ready, as there may be a convoy for her -	163
„ „	„ - -	„	Order that Mr. Arkinstall, master attendant at Chatham, repair to Portsmouth, for the service of the State.	164
„ „	William Billers, *Greyhound, Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Has delivered guns and stores to the gunner of the Crow, and taken his receipt, and the carriages are in hoys ready to go to her in the Downs. Asks whether to send some brass guns to London. Has proved all the French prize powder, consisting of 40 barrels, but only three are serviceable. Will prove the Dutch powder.	165
„ 26	Capt. John Thomas, and five others.	—	Recommend Christ. Blackwell for employment, he having faithfully served as a steward in the Colepepper *alias* Goodhope.	166
„ „	Navy Com. - -	Adm. Com.	The ship with masts, sails, and cables has sailed from Deptford for the Hope, where there is another hoy similarly laden for the fleet. Desire the commanders of the hired merchant ships may have their commissions. It will prejudice the service if the present masters are not appointed commanders.	167
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Send dimensions of 1,500 pieces of iron ordnance ordered to be contracted for - - -	168
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pestell, *Satisfaction, Newcastle.*	„	Furnished Capt. Yates with what he wanted, but not to the extent he expected. Had a long passage from Hull, being seven weeks, and will have been long expected in Scotland. As he will not be able to despatch his business in less than three months, has been compelled to revictual, and has charged bills upon them for the money taken up to pay for it.	169
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to sign a bill to Thos. Wade, to be charged as an imprest upon the navy victuallers -	170
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make bills on Major Rich. Wagstaffe for disbursement for rugs and bolsters for 453 soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment now in the fleet, at 10*l.* 10*s.* a man, to be imprested on their wages.	171
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to give instructions to the ships for the northern convoy, and to the ships fitting in the river, that they may convoy provisions to the fleet.	172
„ 28	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to forward an enclosure. The Success and other ships appointed to ply between Beachy and Blackness have come in, as also two from Malaga. Is ordered with the Fairfax to Chatham.	173
„ „	Thos. Green, *Dover*	Comr. Pett.	A hoy is going to Scotland for great masts, and the Navy Commissioners write she is to carry some artificers and their instruments. Has laden two vessels for Deptford, and is lading another with 130 or 140 barrels of pitch and tar. Asks whether to send any deals to Chatham, having sent 12,000 to Deptford.	174

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Feb. 28	Jonathan Taylor -	Navy Com^rs	Certificate in favour of John Newton, steward of the Unity - - - -	175
" "	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	For an order to Mr. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, to pay Capt. Hatsell's bills for supplying the Marmaduke and Sampson; as also Mr. Shewell's, of Bristol. Also 583*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* to Fras. Hacker, for Anth. Skinner at Plymouth, for furnishing ships there. Will send away the Portsmouth hoy, and the George.	176
" "	Capt. Robt. Beck -	—	Certificate that Hen. Barnes, boatswain, Roger Browne, master gunner, and Wm. Wood, carpenter, have served in the Merchant Adventure, under his command, and are going in her ensuing voyage.	177
" "	Capt. J. Senior, *Tiger, Spithead.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends muster-books. The company in general are very diligent, and were of good behaviour in fight on 18, 19, and 20 February.	178
" "	Admiralty Com. -	"	Reference of the petition of Roger Napkin, surgeon of the Anthony Bonadventure, for relief, having lost 40*l.* in instruments, books, &c. when the ship was taken by the Dutch.	179
" "	Capt. Wm. Pestell, *Tynemouth Haven.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks that his bills for victualling the Satisfaction for 140 men may be paid to Capt. John Greene of Thames Street, and to Robert Ensom, of Ratcliffe. Furnished Capt. Yates, but not so well as was expected.	180
Feb. ?	——	—	Note of seamen and watermen to be sent to Gravesend. The fitting of the fire-ships has been delayed for want of officers. Particulars of water casks sent to the fleet, and a list of 20 ships lately supplied therewith.	181, 182
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[Mar. 1]	——	—	Account of eight Dutch prizes taken and brought into the western ports - - - -	1
" "	Capt. Wm. Greene, *John and Elizabeth, Hope.*	Navy Com^rs	Has come up from Dover by order of Major Bourne, and transferred 20 of his ablest men to the Crow, but will replenish from the ships in the river, and then obey orders.	2
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will use all diligence to purchase cordage, canvas, &c. for the stores; Council has ordered the Marmaduke to fetch 100 barrels of powder from Pendennis Castle, and on her return, she, with other ships, will be tallowed and fitted out for sea. Desires orders as to contracting for the making of round and bar shot.	3
" "	Edw. Backwell, *London.*	"	Asks assistance in procuring payment of his bill of 1,380*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* for beef purchased to victual ships.	4
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm.Com.	Would provide the inferior officers for the ships in the river, but only knowing of three, think it better to appoint the commanders, and leave the choice to them. Have purchased some hemp, pitch, and tar at Topsham, which is now on board the Unity, and want a convoy to bring her to Portsmouth. Have hired 11 merchant ships, but they and the 16 more ordered will need 220 guns.	5
" "	Josias Dewy -	Ordnance officers.	Wants another stove at the powder mills at Guildford, to use in case of accident; cost 100*l.* -	6

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1653. Mar. 1	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com^rs^ *Portsmouth.*	Have not sufficient guns in store to furnish the 13 merchant ships taken up, and desire a supply from dismantled garrisons or Ireland. Mr. Dewy not being able to get carriages for his powder about Guildford, have sent him three from Portsmouth.	7
" "	Gregory Clements, *Greenwich.*	Thomas Smith, Navy Com^r^.	Recommends Thos. Beamont for employment as clerk of the check - - - -	8
" "	Robt. Coytmor -	Robt. Blackborne, Secretary to the Adm. Com.	Has been labouring two days in writing and sending letters to press seamen; unless the western men's voyages for Newfoundland, and the northern men's cod and Iceland fishery are suppressed for this year, there will not be seamen for half our second fleet; the setting of that forth suddenly would strike terror into the enemy. Lord Paw is dead.	9
" "	Prize Comrs., *London.*	—	Account of debtors to the State for prize goods sold to them by contract, and payable within 10 days after sale. Total, 19,983*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*	10
" 2	Wm. White, *London.*	[Navy Com^rs^.]	Asked 140*l.* a month for the hire of the Mayflower, and being accused of disaffection, came down to 130*l.*, but only 110*l.* was given; is not to make up bread-rooms and steward's rooms unless allowance is made, otherwise begs to be dismissed the service.	11
" "	William Partridge -	—	Certificate that Thos. Blake faithfully served as steward in the Rebecca fire-ship last summer -	12
" "	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Queenborough.*	Adm. Com.	Asks whether to stay some days for the George, or go to Chatham, and put his mariners on board of her; they will not be above 100, as he had 30 slain and 50 wounded in the last engagement. There are 34 more on board the man-of-war at Portsmouth which was captured.	13
" "	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com^rs^ *Portsmouth.*	Send propositions of Thos. Foley and Geo. Browne for making guns and shot, but as they cannot deliver them within the time required, ask whether to complete the contract. Enclose a list of 15 more merchant ships hired. Cannot furnish them with ordnance, powder, &c. until they have a fresh supply. Council has ordered 300 barrels of powder for Ireland. Ask their pleasure thereon.	14, 15
" "	" -	"	List of 117 pieces of ordnance wanting to supply the ships - - - - - -	16
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has fitted out the Cardiff, and sent a list of officers whom he desires may be appointed, as she is now ready to take in provisions, and to sail in 18 days.	17
" "	Capt Jno. Hosier -	[Navy Com^rs^.]	Recommends Robert Whetnol for employment as steward, having so served six years - -	18
" "	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Asks a warrant to enter the gunner of the Elizabeth prize into rigging wages - - -	19
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Account of stores required; desires that the Peter may be hastened down with the masts, and a warrant for pressing 30 shipwrights. Wants ironmongers' stores.	20
" "	Jno. Swetnam, Mayor, *Weymouth.*	"	For an order to the Collectors for Prize Goods to reimburse his expenses in procuring lodgings and medical attendance for 55 wounded seamen, sent from the fleet, and in impressing seamen.	21

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Mar. 3	John Wetwang, *Newcastle.*	Adm. Com^rs^	Sends the appraisement by the Sub-Commissioners of a Dutch prize, which he is fitting out, but wants order for powder, &c. and warrants for his officers. Some Holland men-of-war are on the coast.	22
" "	" -	Navy Com^rs^	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	23
" "	Eli. Drewe, *Ayr* -	Robt. Blackborne.	Has delivered the brass guns and muskets received from the Earl of Argyle to Col. Alured, Governor of Ayr, except 30 left with Capt. Mottlow, Governor of Dunstafnage.	24
" "	Capt. Jno. Hosier, *Magdalen.*	Navy Com^rs^	Delivered their orders to Capt. Wilkes and the Weymouth pink; as the 10th Whelp is wanting men, thinks he had better join with Capt. Wilkes in convoying the Hull and other ships for Newcastle, and will see them to the Humber, where he expects to meet his consort with some others.	25
" "	" -	"	The 10th Whelp cannot go to sea for want of men. Asks whether to go to Harwich to procure them. Sends six of his men's tickets.	26
" "	Ordnance officers -	Navy Com^rs^	Ask whether the three prizes at Dover are to be fitted out as men-of-war; if not, the 48 pieces of ordnance on board can be used in other ships. The laden hoy for Portsmouth is waiting for a convoy.	27
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for their offer of so great a command, but being engaged for great sums for goods bought for the State, and not yet all shipped for London, cannot leave his credit and estate to so great a hazard, and desires to be excused.	28
" 4	Robt. Bennett -	Navy Com^rs^	Recommends John Weale, late purser of the Martha of London, for employment in the summer expedition.	29
" "	Thos. Brooks -	"	Recommends Mr. Nettles for employment as a steward. He has been 10 years in the service, and in all the fights during that time, and was taken prisoner seven times.	30
" "	Roger Crispe - -	—	Certificate that Thomas Chowne is fit for employment as a ship steward - - - -	31
" "	Amos Preston, *Rye*	Capt. Wm. Hill, *Sapphire, Portsmouth.*	Being in the Billender, and having lost the fleet, was attacked by Capt. Harmon, a private man-of-war under Holland colours, taken, plundered, and brought into Rye as prize.	32
" "	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	As the George wants a master and men to take her to Quinborough, the Fairfax should be ordered up to Chatham to be docked, and her company be turned over to the George. The Recovery is waiting for beer and victuals. Asks an order to the ropemakers to work on the day of Humiliation, so as to despatch the cordage for Portsmouth.	33
" "	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *John and Katherine.*	"	Certificate that Joseph Rogers is fit for employment as a steward or purser - - -	34
" "	Ambrose Dinnison, *Ipswich.*	"	Proceedings in pressing men, who are very scarce, 150 colliers having just sailed from Harwich. Is going to Yarmouth, where he will find a great many fishermen who may be useful.	35
" "	Robert Bennett -	"	Recommends John Weale, late purser on the Martha of London, for employment as a clerk of the check in some ship.	36

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Mar. 4	David Dove, *Tenth Whelp, Hope.*	Mr. Smith, Navy Com[r].	Has received orders from Capt. Hosier to convoy between the Hope and Newcastle, but wanting men, has sent his boat to the Thames to procure some, when he will sail for Harwich.	37
„ 5	Ordnance officers -	Rich. Hutchinson,	To impress 100*l.* to Thos. Newberry, deputy storekeeper at Portsmouth, to defray charges of sending stores to the ships in Stokes Bay.	38
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	All haste is used in sending the flags required. Ordered the Peter and other men-of-war to convoy the Peter of London with the masts to the Downs, and the ketches with provisions for Portsmouth, and then join the fleet in the Downs, and other vessels are lading to follow. Ask order as to the large demand of the Mayor of Weymouth for 400*l.* for quartering sick and wounded men; also respecting the fire-ships and victualling ships to be sent to Portsmouth.	39
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Drake, Tilbury Hope.*	„	Is well manned and victualled, and waiting for orders; the Drake is fit for a convoy to the fishermen, on account of her small draught of water.	40
„ 6	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sent the order respecting the Anthony Bonadventure to Mr. Pett at Woolwich, and he and Mr. Shish will consider about it. The vessels with provisions for Portsmouth will sail next Wednesday. Never saw any navy rigging books, they being kept by the Surveyor at Chatham, but in 1622, was told by John Tatton that he and other elder brethren went to Chatham, and made out a proportion of rigging for the several ranks of ships; Edw. Hayward can best give satisfaction therein.	41
„ 7	Zach. Latter, *Hope* -	Ordnance officers.	Asks a convoy, the fleet having gone to the Downs before his arrival in the Hope. There are several ships in the Hope, but they are bound northward, and there are merchantmen at Gravesend bound for the Downs, some of which carry 20 or 30 guns.	42
„ „	Capt. Thos. Thompson, *Crow, Downs.*	Navy Com[rs]	There is no intelligence here of a fleet of Hollanders going westward; 25 sail arrived from Dunkirk, and have gone for London. A vessel from Dieppe reports that two Holland men-of-war came in there last Monday, one who only had 60 men on board, and the Vice-Admiral of Holland, and he died the next day; the other had but 17 men, seven of whom also died. Wants guns and other stores. Note of seven ships in the Downs, and of the arrival of others.	43
„ „	Robert Locke, carpenter of the *Hunter, Plymouth.*	—	Account of his receipts and disbursements in fitting out the Hunter, according to a contract between Geo. Blake and Danl. Ely, and charged upon him as carpenter; total, 111*l.* 13*s.* 3½*d.*	44
„ 8	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Greene and himself have seen all the ships under their charge safe to Hull, and given notice to the Governor that they will convoy those bound for London when ready. Asks whether to stay for them.	45
„ „	Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Navy Com[rs]	Wants an account of the ships that will carry four and five months' provisions, and then will give an account of the victualling. Has ordered the Recovery at Chatham and the George to be victualled with the remains left by the fleet. Mr. Lewis has gone to Portsmouth to settle the victualling there and at Quinborough.	46

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1653. Mar. 8	Capt. Jno. Taylor, Phineas Pett, and four others, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Com^rs	Have surveyed the Gatehouse and North Tower in Upnor Castle, and the charge of carpenters', bricklayers', and plumbers' work, with materials, will be 230*l.*	47
" "	Major Bourne, *London.*	[R. Blackborne.]	The Greyhound is launched out of Chatham Dock, and can soon take her victuals and stores, but she will be better manned if order is given to the master to take her to the Hope.	48
" "	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	To appoint a convoy for a hoy with stores for Portsmouth, which is in the Hope. Are sending more provisions by land.	49
" "	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Queenborow.*	"	Recommends Rich. Hodges, gunner of the Fairfax, as master of the George - - -	50
" "	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks that his warrant as Deputy Treasurer of the fleet may be sent; also some money besides the 500*l.* on board the Triumph, and order given for payment of his wages, and 18*l.* disbursements in journeys. Will go on board the Generals to-morrow.	51
" "	Nich. Philips, *Ipswich.*	Navy Com^rs	Has only been able to press two men; has given them tickets and sent them to Woolwich. The rest were all gone to Newcastle before the warrant arrived, and mariners are so scarce that the common men get masters' wages. Desires his charges, 18*s.*	52
" "	Thos. Merry and five others.	"	Certificate that John Harvey faithfully served as steward of the factory of Mocha in the Red Sea, in the East India Company's service.	53
" 9	Ordnance officers -	R. Blackborne.	Send proposals of the gunfounders for casting 1,500 pieces of ordnance, and certificate concerning Messrs. Hamonds and Lutton's brass ordnance.	54
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send a letter from Capt. Thompson of the Crow, about ships in the Downs. As there is no appearance of the Holland fleet, he will sail for Portsmouth with the ship of masts and other vessels he was to convoy thither. The convoy has arrived at Yarmouth, and may be expected in the river with the provisions there the first wind.	55
" "	Comr. Peter Pett and Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Account of the survey of ships. Are setting all wheels to work for their despatch. Have treated for hemp, cordage, and powder. The great drought last summer, and the stoppage of the Eastland trade, have raised the price of cordage in France to 26 livres a cwt. in port.	56
" "	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Quinborough.*	"	Thanks for their appointing him Rear-Admiral of the fleet. Has sent up men to bring down the George from Chatham, and on her arrival, will come up and attend upon them.	57
" "	" -	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to forward his letters, which were directed to Jno. Poortmans - - -	58

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1653. Mar. 9	Capt. Hen. Southwood, *Violet, Tilbury Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Was ordered to Yarmouth Roads to fetch vessels with provisions, but has been delayed by foul weather. Has 98 men on board, and endeavours to get more, but most of those pressed at London know nothing of the sea. Asks how many he is allowed; the Bear carries 200, and his ship is much larger. Will sail with the first wind.	Vol. 48. 59
" "	Capt. Robt. Story, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	The Fortune, of which they have given him the command, is ready to take in her provisions, officers, for whom he desires warrants, and men.	60
" "	Major W. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Recommends Edm. Smith as a captain or master, he having long served in the merchant service, where he lost his ship. With certificate of his good conduct, 8 March.	61, 62
" 10	John Arnold and Maj. William Burton.	William Bridge, Maurice Thompson's Bishopsgate St.	Ask for his interest with the Navy Commissioners on behalf of Edm. Smith, who lost his ship coming from Newcastle with coals, and who is competent to take command of one of the State's ships.	63
" "	Thos. Bendish, *Yarmouth.*	Major N. Bourne.	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	64
" "	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	The General wants 500 copies of the instructions for commanders of the State's ships printed and sent down; asks for his own warrant as deputy treasurer of the fleet, and some money, as he never used the bill of imprest for 30*l.* for journeys, and now it is useless. The ships for the summer guard will soon be ready, but the great want will be seamen.	65
" "	St. J. Steventon -	—	List of 217 pressed men and volunteers entered on board the Resolution and other ships at Portsmouth.	66
" "	Lieut.-Col. Thos. Kelsey, *Dover Castle.*	Adm. Com.	Four or five of the squadron have brought in two [Dutch] flyboats, but the vice-admiral with 7 or 8 more escaped home. 3 ships having been supplied with sails, &c. are gone westward. Hears nothing of the convoy for Portsmouth, and the ammunition still lies in this harbour, as also a fire-ship, waiting for provisions from the Tower.	67
" "	Navy Com., *Navy Office.*	"	Are willing to resurvey the merchant ships in the river lately contracted for, but only engaged those that were previously approved of, and there have been no complaints except as to the smallness of the Unity and Merchant. Ask whether to renew contracts nearly expired.	68
" "	Capt. Jno. Hosier, *Magdalen, Yarmouth Road.*	"	Arrived at Yarmouth with 25 sail, and is waiting a wind for Tynemouth Haven. Was insulted by Major Wilde of Yarmouth while pressing men. The Whelp, Briar, and Weymouth pink, and about 35 sail are in the Road, bound for Newcastle.	69

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Mar. 10	Capt. Robert Clarke, *Drake, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Could not convoy the Bonadventure, as her captain and master were on shore. The Hare ketch has gone to Ostend, but the Peter, the ship with masts, and the hoy with provisions are here waiting for a wind to go westward. Will go to the coast of Holland the first opportunity, and take the Hare ketch with him if he meets her.	70
„ „	„ -	„	Asks an order to the commanders of some ships to assist him in convoying merchant ships bound for London into Margate Road, as it is dangerous for him to take the sole charge.	71
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne	Recommends Wm. Macham, shipwright, as a master carpenter in one of the State's ships - -	72
„ ,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	The Sampson still wants men; desires a press warrant for them, that she may fetch some powder from Pendennis Castle, as there is none here. The Marmaduke is having a new mainmast.	73
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Send a bill of imprest for 100*l.* to Mr. Newberry, deputy storekeeper at Portsmouth, as Mr. Hutchinson refuses to pay it without order. Col. White wants 500*l.* more impressed to Newberry, for providing ship carriages, and shot for the fleet. Desire orders as to 100 pieces of ordnance in merchant ships, taken in the last engagement, also an order for part of 200 barrels of powder and some shot in the town stores at Portsmouth, under charge of the Governor. Capt. Hatsell desires payment of 43*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed in supplying ships at Plymouth.	74
„ „	Rich. Belchamber, *Southampton.*	Sir Hen. Vane, junr., *Whitehall.*	Went to General Dean's lodgings with the letters, but as he was on board the Triumph, his lady sent them to him. Has provided for the 1,100 Dutch prisoners here. Above 60 are sick and wounded. Desires reimbursement for charges, as straw for their lodgings, and some helpful women to look after them.	75
„ „	Capt. J. Lawson, *Fairfax, Queenborow.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the fitting and manning of the George and Fairfax. Could do better service in the Fairfax, but will take the command of the George as directed.	76
„ 12	„ „	„	Has taken the command of the George and turned over 130 mariners to her, and is sending the Fairfax to Chatham.	77
[„ „]	Thos. Wilkinson and three others.	—	List of 26 seamen residing in Stepney conceived fit to serve against the Hollanders - -	78
„ „	„ „	—	List of 21 seamen residing in Stepney who have been captains and shipmasters - -	79
„ „	Rich. Eccleston and Methuselah Turner.	John Bourchier.	Similar list of three persons residing in London and Wapping, five in Hull, and four in Yarmouth.	80
[„ „]	——	—	Note of some of the revolted captains now employed, viz., Capt. Marshal, one of Prince Rupert's captains, captain of the Marmaduke, taken prisoner by his own men, and brought with his ship to Plymouth, and since made captain of the John and Elizabeth of London. Capt. Goulden, who served Prince Rupert in the Michael the Archangel, now the Gillyflower, and made captain of one of the Flemish prizes called the Pall. Thos. Nevitt, purser of the Gillyflower, who upon the crew complaining of being starved, replied that he did not care so that he could get 600*l.* a year out of their bellies.	81

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[Mar. 12]	——	—	Lists of 11 persons [fit to be employed in the service] - - - - - - -	81*a*
„ „	Justice Jno. Waterton.	—	List of 21 captains and others fit to be commanders at sea - - - - - -	82
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pestell, *Leith.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends the receipts of Wm. Dobbins and Rob. Bowle for provisions supplied to the Satisfaction, and begs they will accept and pay his bills for the same.	83–85
„ „	Capt. Jas. Cadman, *Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Sends his warrant from Generals Deane and Monk for taking the Pearl frigate into Dover for repairs after her engagement with the Dutch, and desires order to Thos. Greene for guns, &c.	86
„ „	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	„	Thanks for his warrant as deputy treasurer of the fleet, and for the weekly news. Is sorry to hear of the sickness of his brothers Creed and Field, but all things work for the best to those that love the Lord Jesus. Is working hard to get out the fleet, but the great want will be seamen. Asks for a copy of the resolutions concerning himself.	87
„ „	Hen. Southwood -	—	Certificate that Thos. Wells, who was with him seven years in the Greyhound, is an able gunner -	88
„ 13	Giles Shelley, *Waterhound, Downes.*	Adm. Com.	Is convoying a ship with masts, and several hoys to Portsmouth, but is detained by winds. Had his bowsprit splintered in the late engagement, and all his officers are wounded, or in prizes at Dover.	89
„ 14	Nath. Terne - -	Thos. Turner.	Recommends Mitchel Mew as clerk of the check. Only 14 mariners have arrived. Has sent seven to the Bear and six to the Violet.	90
„ „	Capt. Jno. Wetwang, *Newcastle.*	Ordnance officers.	Asks an order to the storekeeper at Tynemouth Castle to supply him with small arms, powder, and shot.	91
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the like effect. Asks for his commission, and for warrants for persons named as gunner, boatswain, carpenter, and clerk of the check.	92
„ „	Thos. Brooks, *Fish Street.*	Major Bourne.	Recommends the bearer, John Harvey, as clerk of the check in the Ferdinando commanded by Capt. Nicholls. With certificate in his favour by And. Trumbee and Thos. Rickman.	93, 94
„ „	Capt. Wm. Younger	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners to pay him for 11 months' services, being in the last engagement off Dover under Sir Geo. Ayscue, and having only five months' pay. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, and their report for payment of his wages, although they find that both he and the carpenter were faulty in a violent quarrel between them detailed in a paper annexed, being a complaint made by him, as captain of the Mary fly-boat, to the Navy Commissioners, against the steward and carpenter, for being drunk and abusive.	95, 96
„ „	E. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	„	The Weymouth pink and Briar have arrived in the Hope, with the vessels they were ordered to convoy from Yarmouth.	97
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	To move the Admiralty Committee to appoint a master attendant, as Mr. Arkinstall is about going to sea in the Resolution, and he will then be left destitute.	98

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Mar. 14	Rich. Hill, *Prize Office.*	Col. Thomson.	Sends list of Dutch ships taken prize, and desires an order for delivering condemned prizes to the Navy Commissioners for the service.	99
,, ,,	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	The James is in Stokes Bay, and the Resolution will be there this week; if the provisions now at Dover arrive, there will soon be a very good account from the fleet.	100
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Ask an order to the Prize Commissioners to deliver a prize at Plymouth to Capt. Hatsell for a careening hulk; also ready money to pay for pitch, tar, masts, value 20,000*l.* contracted for.	101
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *George, Queenborow.*	Robt. Blackborne	If he is to take command of the George, wants his old officers out of the Fairfax. Is victualling and fitting out with all expedition.	102
,, ,,	Navy Comrs., *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Movements of ships. Will observe instructions received, and desire order for taking up merchant ships. Are much pressed for money, the Collectors for Prize Goods having shut up shop and gone to London; the deputy treasurer having but 6*l.*, has gone to Chichester for more, and if he fails, will start for London, and not risk the beating of his ears with the clamours of the indigent without it.	103
,, ,,	Thos. Erington, *Newcastle.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	200 laden vessels are waiting for a convoy, and as there are 14 Dutch men-of-war and free-booters on the coast waiting for them, a speedy course should be taken to prevent their going without convoy.	104
,, ,,	James Salmon, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Asks him to send down to the Commissioners here his certificate signed by eight inhabitants of St. Dunstan's in the East.	105
,, ,,	Lieut. Col. Kelsey, *Canterbury.*	Adm. Com.	The wind being north, presumes the convoys with provisions have sailed westward. Capt. Clarke came into the Road, and has sailed again according to orders.	106
,, ,,	Robert Ellison, *Newcastle.*	Rich. Salwey, M.P.	Asks him to assist in procuring a convoy for some ships laden with pitch, hemp, cordage, masts, &c., at Hamburg, as there are several Dutch men-of-war upon the coast. The northern parts suffer much for want of a constant convoy from London, and the mayor and aldermen intend writing about it.	107
,, 15	Navy Comrs., *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Resolution is being rigged, and is taking in her ballast and beer, and if the provisions expected from London duly arrive, most of the State's ships and frigates will be quickly despatched.	108
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *George, Queenborow.*	,,	Thanks for his commission as Rear-Admiral of the fleet, and appointment to the George; desires that his old officers from the Fairfax may be transferred to him. Has victualled, and is taking in the guns, but will want 100 men. Requests an order to sail to the Hope to procure them.	109
,, ,,	Thos. Lawe, Mayor, and five others, *Boston.*	Sir Hen. Vane.	Ask his interest in procuring the return of Captains Mould and Sansum, with their ships, as convoy to ships to or from Boston, or the appointment of some others.	110

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Mar. 15	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends the carpenter's certificate of the state of his ship, the Reserve, which requires careening. The crew wants 22 months' pay in money and not tickets. Asks orders as to victualling, repairing, and sailing.	111
" "	" -	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Has been ill of cold taken in service against the islands - - -	112
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *Bryer frigate, Tilbury Hope.*	"	Waited on the merchant until 7 p.m., but as he did not come, sailed to the Hope, and will hasten to the Downs.	113
" "	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Marmaduke, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants Thos. Shepheard as boatswain in place of Barnaby Thurloe, whose conduct has produced very bad effects amongst the crew; some of them have run away, and others must be dismissed. Capt. Hatsell agrees with him herein. Is hastening to Pendennis for the powder.	114
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Received the warrants for the captains of the Marmaduke and Sampson to fetch the 100 barrels of powder from Pendennis Castle, for Capt. Sparling to command the Irish squadron, and one for impressing seamen, which he will execute; the Marmaduke has been a burden to Capt. Blagge ever since he took command, the boatswain not being fit, and the other officers very lewd and overbearing. Is fitting the Lily, and will send to Minehead for seamen.	115, 116
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to allow Wm. Yonger his wages as commander of the Mary flyboat, on his petition -	117
[" "]	Capt. Wm. Younger	Adm. Com.	Petition for removal into one of the new frigates, as the Mary fly-boat, which he commanded, is to be made a victualler.	118
" 16	Capt. Eli Drew, *Lucy, Callburne Road.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends copy of a warrant from Col. Rich. Lilburne, of 8 March, directing him to remain at Ayr, until the arrival of Capt. Moatlow with provisions, which he is to carry to the garrisons of Dunstaffnage and Dunolly, and then go to Winchester or Liverpool to revictual, and return to Ayr.	119, 120
" "	Capt. Rob. Moulton and two others, *Horseydown.*	—	Certificate for John Crispe as a purser or clerk of the check, he having faithfully served for several years.	121
" "	E. Hayward, *Chatham Dock.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will attend the Admiralty Committee on Friday respecting the chest, but can hardly be spared from the survey business, as a meeting is appointed to despatch 80 petitioners, who will be impatient of delays.	122
" "	" -	"	Recommends Walter Larder of the Unicorn as boatswain of the prize pink - - -	123
" "	Major Jeremiah Tolhurst, *Carlisle.*	Adm. Com.	Went to Dumfries to settle the affairs committed to him by the Commissioners of Parliament for Scotland, and thence to Carlisle, and despatched the powder; that at Tynemouth shall be shipped on the arrival of the Magdalen. There are 200 coal ships at Newcastle, who will be in danger if they sail without convoy.	124
" "	Capt. Roger Martin, *Diamond.*	—	List of 62 seamen, pressed at Poole, Purbeck, and Corfe Castle, with press and conduct money for Portsmouth; also of 160 seamen at Poole, Purbeck, Haslor hundred, West Lulworth, Bindon, Corfe Castle, &c., who absented themselves from the press.	125

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Mar. 16	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *George, Queenborow.*	Adm. Com.	Has all his provisions on board, and when the rest of his guns arrive from Chatham, will sail to the Hope to complete his complement of men, and then obey orders.	126
„ 17	Sir Hen. Vane and Mr. Carew.	—	List of 57 persons recommended as officers for ships - - - - - -	127
„ „	Capt. David Dove, *Tenth Whelp, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Proceedings in convoying colliers, &c. from the Hope to Newcastle and Harwich. There are eight Holland men-of-war near Burlington and Flamborough Head, having 30 guns each, and several others have been seen near the Bar of Newcastle.	128
„ „	John Poortmans, *Triumph.*	„	Has received a letter from Col. Kelsey, and acquainted the Generals with it. Will send a list of the fleet and their officers as soon as settled. Thanks for their getting his disbursements and salary settled, but there is 5*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* more due for a seal and for books and paper.	129
„ „	Bailiffs of *Yarmouth*	Navy Com^rs^	Have used their best endeavours to procure seamen, and will continue to do so, but there have been so many already pressed that they have only been able to get 27. Have no hope of getting more until the fleet now at Newcastle comes home.	130
„ „	Rich. Hutchinson -	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a petition to the Admiralty Committee, and begs to be excused attending thereon through illness.	131
„ „	Capt. Robert Wyard, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has put into Harwich with the ships under his and Capt. Hosier's convoy for Newcastle, through the storm and contrary winds. Several Dutch men-of-war are before Tynemouth, Burlington, and Flamborough Head.	132
„ „	Hen. King - -	Navy Com^rs^	Petition for his wages, and allowance for loss of his clothes through the sinking of the Sampson by the Dutch. Was not bound to Capt. Edm. Button, nor ever received clothes, &c. from him or his wife, and she is therefore not entitled to his wages, for which she is suing. With order to Mrs. Button to give him satisfaction, or show cause to the contrary.	133
„ 18	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	As Joan, widow of John Neave, late master of the Guinea frigate, has been left destitute with three children, 30*l.* more should be given to her beside the 10*l.* paid her at Portsmouth.	134
„ „	Navy Comrs., *Portsmouth.*	„	Will use all possible means to procure seamen for the fleet, but they are very scarce. Forty sail will be ready in a few days. The Irish fleet is dispatched, and is now at Cowes. Will despatch the Speaker and the rest of the southward fleet, and go in hand with the Triumph, Victory, and Rainbow, the masts having arrived. There is scarcely any ship but what is in hand. As they are in the midst of victualling, and Mr. Gauden is gone, desires another victualler to come down; also order as to the allowance of fish for the fleet. Send a list of allowances, 8*l.* to 10*l.* each, made to 12 widows who lost their husbands in the last engagement.	135, 136
„ „	Thos. Woodcott, Mayor of *Gravesend, London.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks that a small sum may be sent to Gravesend for assisting poor and wounded prisoners resorting to him for relief.	137

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Mar. 18	Capt. Jno. Hosier, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed 70 sail as far as Cromer, but was forced into Yarmouth Roads. There are several Dutch men-of-war about the head, of 30 guns apiece, so that the ships in Tynemouth Haven dare not come forth, and the owners at Harwich have advised their masters at Newcastle to wait for a convoy. Asks further orders.	138
,, ,	Sir John Thorowgood, *Kensington.*	Sir Hen. Vane.	Recommends Mr. Thorowgood, a relative, as a purser. He was near losing his life at Caversham Bridge, and served as a volunteer under Mr. Symson at the Battle of Worcester.	139
,, ,,	John Falconer, *Ordnance Office.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from Capt. John Wetwang, commander of a Dutch prize at Newcastle, and desires an order to the storekeeper there and at Tynemouth Castle to supply him with powder and shot.	140
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *George, Quinborough.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	All that look toward Zion should hold Christian communion. Is taking in the guns, and when the cables and cordage arrive, will set sail.	141
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Is manning the Sampson and fitting the Marmaduke, and both will be in the Sound shortly. Has supplied the Duchess with shot, and written the Generals to ask if he shall send the rest to Portsmouth.	142
,, 19	Capt. Robert Clarke, *Reserve, Bristol.*	Generals of the fleet.	Hopes to be able to receive ordnance for the fleet, and sail with it by next week. Assisted Capt. Hewitt and others in pressing men, they hiding themselves, but obtained 60 in one night, and if it was not for the charge of victuals and wages, might get many more before he sailed for Portsmouth.	143
,,	,, -	Adm. Com.	Will get the ordnance and ammunition on board with all expedition, and sail for Portsmouth next week.	144
,,	Capt. John Lawson, *George, Queenborow.*	,,	Will sail for Lee Road, complete his number of men, and receive the remainder of his guns and stores; and if the colliers arrive, will leave for London, and attend the Committee at Whitehall.	145
, ,	Navy Comrs. -	,,	Ask orders as to the disposal of the Reserve at Bristol - - - - - -	146
, ,	Ordnance officers -	,,	Desire orders for paying Capt. Hatsell's bills of exchange for furnishing ships at Plymouth; for a convoy for some shot at Rye; directions about supplying merchant ships with powder, which was forbidden till the Unicorn and other State ships were supplied; and an order to the Governor of Tynemouth Castle for delivery of gunners' stores.	147
, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to consider the fitness of — Kendall for clerk of the survey at Deptford - - -	148
20	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Robert Blackborne	Thanks for the printed news. Will send a list of the fleet with their officers before going to sea, as also the receipt for 5*l.* for the dear screw ordered by Mr. Smith, Navy Commissioner. Received a letter from his brother and an order for his salary and disbursements, but not a penny by way of reward, which is strange, considering how he turned night into day. The Andrew and Resolution are about sailing. The ships are fitting out, but the seamen fall sick daily, and there will consequently be a great want of them. Twenty ships have gone to ply between the Start and Beachey. Will deliver the letters to the Generals.	149

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Mar. 21	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *George, Lee Road.*	Robert Blackborn	Arrived from Quinborough here, where he will complete his crew, but wants 100. If the colliers and his guns and stores arrive, will sail next week. The Bear and Violet have gone to convoy the Newcastle fleet hither. Asks for a list of the whole fleet and the foreign intelligence.	1
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	The Marmaduke and Sampson are ready to sail for Falmouth, but the latter wants 60 men -	2
,, ,,	Major Jer. Tolhurst, *Newcastle.*	Adm. Com.	Has brought from Carlisle 250 barrels of powder, which is ready for shipment. Few seamen can be had at Newcastle, unless taken out of ships for London, but when these arrive in the Thames, they may afford a supply, being 300 sail. Orders should be sent to the masters of the Trinity House here to press out of the fleet now in Yarmouth Roads, bound to Newcastle. There are 2,000 watermen, &c. here as good as those in London.	3
,, ,,	Sy. Jorey, *Deal* -	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends proposals concerning the place of muster-master. If allowed to act, asks for a commission speedily, that he may muster the ships as they arrive in the Downs and at Portsmouth. Wants increase of means and a clerk and servant, and remembrance of Mr. Sanchy's business, and his late brother's seizure of some spermaceti as his quarter's salary from the Commissioners of Customs.	4
,, ,,	Capt. Jas. Talbot -	Navy Com[rs]	Contract for hire of the Samuel, 300 tons, for 6 months at 108*l.* a month - - - -	5
,, ,,	——— - -	,,	,, Dolphin of London, 470 tons, for 6 months, at 150*l.* a month - -	6, 7
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Marshall	,,	,, Samuel of London, 300 tons, ,, 108*l.* ,, - -	8, 9
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. White -	,,	,, Mayflower ,, 300 tons, ,, 110*l.* ,, - -	10, 11
,, ,,	Capt. Bence Parker	,	,, Hopeful Luke, 420 tons, ,, 145*l.* ,, - -	12, 13
,, ,	Capt. Jonathan Taylor	,,	,, Unity of London, 240 tons, ,, 85*l.* ,, - -	14, 15
,, ,,	Capt. Ben. Salmon -	,,	,, Prudent Mary, 280 tons, ,, 97*l.* 10*s.* a month -	16, 17
,, ,	Capt. Jeffrey Dare -	,,	,, Prosperous of London, 300 tons ,, 115*l.* ,, -	18, 19
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Clarke -	,,	,, Samaritan, 357 tons, ,, 132*l.* 10*s.* ,, -	20, 21
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Miller -	,,	,, John and Katherine, 400 tons, ,, 135*l.* ,, -	22, 23
,, ,,	Capt. Roger Harman	,,	,, Four Sisters, 317 tons, ,, 110*l.* ,, -	24, 25
,, ,,	Capt. Robert Salmon	,,	,, Sarah of London, 360 tons, ,, 120*l.* ,, -	26, 27
,, ,,	Capt. Robert Beck -	,,	,, Merchant Adventure, 210 tons, ,, 88*l.* ,, -	28, 29
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Steward	,,	, Phœnix of London, 330 tons, ,, 120*l.* ,, -	30, 31
,, ,,	Capt. Roger Crispe -	,,	,, Dragoneer of London, 300 tons, ,, 110*l.* ,, -	32, 33
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Greene -	,,	,, Hamburg Merchant of London, 350 tons - - - } ,, 120*l.* ,, -	34, 35
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Rawlins -	,,	,, Roebuck, 280 tons, ,, 100*l.* ,, -	36, 37
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Greene -	,,	,, Exchange of London, 350 tons, ,, 100*l.* ,, -	38, 39
,, ,,	Capt. Sydrach Blake	,,	,, Industry of London, 280 tons, ,, 100*l.* ,, -	40, 41
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Haslewood.	,,	,, Globe, 300 tons, ,, 110*l.* ,, -	42, 43

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Mar. 21	Capt. Joseph Taylor	Navy Com^rs	Contract for hire of the Adventure of London, 380 tons, for 6 months, at 145*l.* a month - -	44
" "	Capt. Jno. Bennett -	"	" Defence of London, 364 tons, " 132*l.* " -	45
" "	Capt. Arnold Browne	"	" Benjamin, 350 tons, " 120*l.* " -	46, 47
" "	Capt. Hen. Edon -	"	" Blossom of London, 300 tons, " 110*l.* " -	48, 49
" "	Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, *Dover Castle.*	Ordnance Comrs.	As Mr. Delaval will furnish 2,000 barrels of powder for ready money within a month, a contract ought to be entered into with him for it.	50
" "	Capt. Jno. Hosier, *Magdalen, Harwich.*	Adm.Com.	There are 70 sail here, and 20 in Yarmouth, intending to go with him. Having been 14 months in the service, and having all his accounts to pass, desires some one else may have the command if the Magdalen is to continue in the service beyond 14 April, when her time expires.	51
" "	Capt. John Wetwang, *Newcastle.*	Ordnance officers.	For an order to the storekeepers at Newcastle and Tynemouth to supply him with necessaries, as he cannot procure them for ready money, and is now ready to sail.	52
" "	Navy Comrs., *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for the intelligence and for the promised supply of money for provisions, of which there is great want. Are storing those from London, and wish the remainder had arrived.	53
" "	" -	Adm.Com.	Send a survey of the storehouses at Portsmouth, and estimate of the charge for repairs which are needful to prevent embezzlement.	54, 55
" 22	Capt. Hen. Southwood, *Violet, Yarmouth.*	"	Asks what number of men he is to carry, Sir Hen. Vane having stated 180, but the Bear, although smaller, is allowed 200. The 10th Whelp, Magdalen, Weymouth pink, and 80 or 90 sail of light colliers are sailing northward.	56
" "	Wm. Godfrey -	Navy Com^rs	Account of ordnance stores remaining in the Triumph, out of those received 16 March 1652 -	57
" "	Capt. Jno. Lawson, *George, near Lee.*	Adm.Com.	Has procured 40 men out of 30 vessels from Hull, the Bear, Violet, and Adam and Eve having previously taken from three to five a piece.	58
" "	Capt. Peter Motham, *Yarmouth Roads.*	Robt. Blackborne	Has 50 sail of light colliers and others under his convoy from Harwich to Newcastle. Recommends Thos. Turner, pilot, for the place of his master, left behind sick.	59
" "	" -	Adm.Com.	Yesterday, met Capt. Hosier in the Magdalen, and others, with 50 sail of colliers under their convoy bound for Newcastle; on arriving in the roads, found 30 or 40 more, and intends sailing with the whole fleet to-morrow.	60
" "	Major N. Bourne, Navy Office.	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Capt. Wolters for the command of a frigate newly built, as it will suit him better than the Ferdinando or Phœnix.	61
" "	Ordnance officers -	Adm.Com.	Send an account of powder, shot, and other ammunition necessary to be sent to Portsmouth for the fleet. As the wagoners demand 5*s.* for the carriage of every barrel of powder from Chilworth Mills to Portsmouth, ask whether the powder makers shall be charged with it.	62, 63
" "	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Gravesend.*	"	The artificers who have been long without payment importune for it. Proceedings on board ships at Tilbury Hope, in impressing men. Arrival and departure of ships, and condition of those there.	64
" 23	——	Navy Com^rs	Note of contracts for hire of the Malaga Merchant, Golden Fleece, Loyalty, Ann Peircy, Thomas and Lucy, Society, Richard and Martha, Jonathan, Reformation, Crescent, Thomas and William, Hanibal, Patience hoy, Seaflower ketch, and Susanna and Diana hoys.	65

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1653.				Vol. 49.
Mar. 23	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Will send the ammunition to Portsmouth, if they can prevail with the artificers to give further credit, but these make complaints daily for want of what is due for supplying last summer's fleet, and the stores are very short of powder.	66
„ „	Thomas Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Major Rob. Thomson.	Recommends Thomas Mason as steward; he was formerly a Hamburg merchant - - -	67
„ „	Capt. Wm. Tickell, *Falcon fire-ship, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Asks for an order to ply between the Ness and the Thames to procure his complement of men, and some for the fleet. The Bear and Violet are gone to Tynemouth.	68
„ „	Major Wm. Burton	„	Will use his best endeavours to procure men, but most of those they write for are at Newcastle in their own ships. Edmond Smith and Capt. Collman are coming up to attend their honours; will send up what few men he can get.	69
„ 24	Jas. Rosier -	Major Rob. Thomson.	Asks him not to forget his letter and certificate; has attended every sitting of the Committee without any result.	70
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Received the warrants for Captains Clarke and Marryot, as also that to deliver to them all the arms, ammunition, &c. which he is to receive from Col. Scrope, except what is necessary for the Cardiff, and that ordered for Ireland. The porters, crane-men, &c., employed in this business clamour for their pay; if ordered to pay them, will do it with care.	71
„ „	Navy Comrs, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Send certificate of Capt. Smith of the Seaflower of Margate, that 10 months' pay is due to his men, and desire they may be paid before they go to sea, the ship having been hired again.	72
„ „	Rear-Adm. John Lawson, *Hill House, Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Asks whether to wait upon them for further orders, having taken the examinations, with Commissioner Bourne, as to the firing of the Fairfax; was directed to fall down with the George to the convoys for the Newcastle colliers. Has advised Capt. Motham not to let any of the fleet go into Harwich or the adjacent places.	73
„ „	Anth. Tutcher, *Lynn*	Major Rob. Thomson.	Sends a bill of exchange for 51*l.* 12*s.*, and desires its payment to Joshua Greane, the Mayor. Has paid him 21*l.* 12*s.* for press and conduct money to 36 seamen. Is going for Wells and Yarmouth.	74
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Mr. Hammond has a proposition for furnishing 1,000 barrels of Dutch powder, and some copper for ordnance.	75
„ „	Nath. Terne, *Deptford.*	—	Account of men entered on board three State's ships named, and 17 merchant ships, taken up for the service of the State.	76
[„ „]	——	—	List of the officers of the Princess Maria - - - - - - - - -	77
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send the names of seven persons fit for boatswains, gunners, and carpenters to the new frigates about to be launched.	78
„ „	Capt. Jno. Wetwang, *Newcastle.*	„	Delivered their order to the Governor of Tynemouth Castle, and as he could only supply him with powder, desires another order to be furnished at Newcastle with gunner's stores, and will then put forth to sea.	79
„ 25	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to certify the names and qualities of the commanders in the 39 merchant ships most deserving employment in other ships.	80

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1653.				Vol. 49.
Mar. 25	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to consider of fit captains for the Betty and Wren, which are much wanting them - -	81
„ „	Comrs. for Dutch Prizes, *Prize Office, London.*	Adm. Com.	For an order for payment of several pursers' bills for victualling Dutch prizes, and of several surgeons' bills, and disbursements for sick and wounded; have already paid 800*l.*, and bills are coming in daily, and as few of the prizes are yet condemned, there are no tenths upon which these can be charged.	82
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Navy Com^{rs}	Ask whether to send the 200 barrels of powder for Portsmouth from the Tower, where there is only 300 for furnishing the ships now in the river, or from Chilworth Mills, where they have sent four wagons to fetch what is ready. Mr. Hodgkins, smith at the Tower, cannot supply any more ironwork for want of money, there being 4,265*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* due to him for the last year.	83
„ „	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Rob. Blackborne	The screw was not made by order; is sorry it is out of order so soon, but will inquire of Mr. Smith where the maker lives. As Capt. Wm. Tunick, commander of the Mary prize, was going on shore at Yarmouth to take order as to some sick men on board, his boat was overset with a gust of wind, and he and six more were drowned.	84
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Cannot recommend Capt. Gregory for the command of the Horseydown shallop, as he was false in his accounts in his last employment.	85
„ „	„ - -	„	Recommend Mr. Smith for such employment as they think meet - - - - -	86
„ „	Navy Committee -	Navy Com^{rs}	To order the Navy Treasurer to pay Dr. Walker his last half year's salary of 100*l.* a year, allowed him as Admiralty advocate and counsel for the State in causes of reprisal and relating to the fleet, where there are no perquisites, and to pay him quarterly.	87
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for quarterly payments of 500*l.* a year to Wm. Scott, auditor of the prests, for himself and clerks, stationery, and incidental expenses; on an order of Parliament enclosed of 16 April 1652.	88, 89
„ „	Col. John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the *Tower.*	Robt. Blackborne	Recommends the bearer for a pension, her husband having been slain in the last engagement, while serving under Capt. Reynolds, from whom she has a certificate.	90
„ 26	Rear-Adm. John Lawson, *Gravesend.*	„	Has just parted with Major Bourne, and is going on board to wait the fleet of colliers from Newcastle, and see what can be had from them, but conceives those ships will not be safe until as high as Lee Road. Recommends Jas. Ableson for the command of the Little Betty or the Wren. Will come up when the men are gained from the coal fleet.	91
„ „	Thos. Shewell -	—	Account of ordnance shipped in the Reserve for the stores at Portsmouth - - - -	92
„ „	James Bamford -	Navy Com^{rs}	Contract for the hire of the Joshua of London, 360 tons, for six months, at 135*l.* a month -	93, 94
„ „	Nath. Cook -	„	„ James of London, 300 tons „ 110*l.* „ - -	95, 96
„ „	Miles Browne -	„	„ Merchant's Delight, 480 tons „ 170*l.* „ - -	97, 98
„ „	Thos. Woodfing -	„	„ Exeter Merchant, 340 tons „ 115*l.* „ - -	99, 100
„ „	Capt. Jas. Cadman, *Pearl, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed the prizes from Dover to London, and on returning met the Briar, Drake, and Hare pink, with their convoys from Dunkirk; the Briar went up the river with them, the other two returning to Dunkirk. There is no other man-of-war in the Downs.	101

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1653. Mar. 26	Nath. Terne -	Thos. Turner.	Has directed Mr. Sheldon to send up his certificate. The Advantage is so rotten that as fast as they mend one place another breaks out, and most of the 48 men upon her do not attend. Thinks they should be turned over to other ships. Some are gone to Portsmouth about a prize they took.	Vol. 49. 102
" "	Capt. Wm. Billers, *Greyhound, by the Market-place, Dover.*	Adm.Com.	Went to Mr. Judds' mills at Ofspring, Feversham, which were going as fast as the water would carry them, and they have promised to ship 40 barrels of powder for the Tower next Tuesday. Hopes to agree with Mr. Delaval of Dover for 1,000 more to be delivered in Dover Castle before 1 May at 5*l.* a barrel. Has pledged himself, as has the Governor of Dover, to see him punctually paid, or else he would not undertake it.	103
" 28	Rear-Adm.Jno. Lawson, *George, Lee Road.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Jas. Ableson for the command of the Betty. Will be ready to sail on the shipment of a few guns, and some small stores.	104
" "	" " -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect. Will endeavour to furnish the Betty and Wildman fire-ship with men, and continue to ride here to get men for other ships, as the colliers will not be safe till they come to Lee Road. Capt. Motham must see that none of their men escape before.	105
" "	Jas. Blades, Rich. Lindall, Edw. Perry.	["]	Desire their consideration of a petition sent on behalf of some merchants and grocers of the city.	106
" "	Thos. Orton, clerk of the check, *Sophia, Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Has not heard of any men-of-war since coming from the Hope. Cannot get any account of the stores from the boatswain, gunner, or carpenter. Is weighing anchor.	107
" "	Phineas Pett, *Deptford.*	"	Asks them to impress 100*l.* to Tench Young, on account for timber delivered for the new frigates building in Deptford Dock.	108
" "	Capt. Peter Motham, *Bear, Newcastle Bar.*	Robt. Blackborne	Sailed from Yarmouth with 100 light colliers, and hearing of some men-of-war upon the coast, sent out Captains Southwood, Hosier, Dove, and Wilkeson to chase them, who brought in one of five guns, the Jager of Flushing, a privateer taken by Wilkeson; encloses the captain and master's examination. Having seen the fleet safe, will attend the laden fleet, which is ready to come forth.	109, 110
" "	Capt. Barth. Yate, *Falcon fly-boat, Inverness.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Leith on the 15th with the Satisfaction, which is gone for the Orkneys, and a fly-boat with timber; expects to unlade his coals and timber, and be ready to leave within a month, and desires an order to revictual at Leith.	111
" "	Hen. Strudwick, *Crouchland.*	Col.Morley, Somerset House.	Particulars of iron ordnance and shot delivered into the stores at Portsmouth; desires payment, also some old iron to recast.	112
" "	William Swyer -	Navy Com^rs	Contract for hire of the Consent of London, 280 tons, for six months at 110*l.* a month - -	113
" "	John Thomas -	"	" Culpeper alias Goodhope, 400 tons, for six months at 140*l.* a month -	114, 115
" "	Michael Dibbs -	"	" Employment, 440 tons, for six months at 150*l.* a month - - -	116, 117
[" "]	John Ray, mariner -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a master's place in one of the State's ships, having served as master, owner, master's mate, and pilot, and been wounded in the Kentish frigate. With certificate of Thos. Thompson and three others, 14 Dec. 1652, and Capt. Jas. Reynolds of the Kentish, 28 March 1653, of his services in other ships named.	118–120

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1653.				Vol. 49.
Mar. 28	John Ray, *Kentish* -	Adm. C	Desires his petition may be read and considered - - - - - - - -	121
„ „	Capt. Thos. Kelsey and Capt. Wm. Billers, *Dover Castle.*	„	Send a proposition of Thos. Delavall to procure what powder he can from France and Flanders, and deliver it to the Governor of Dover, at 5*l.* a barrel.	122, 123
„ „	Rich. Eccleston, *London.*	Sir Hen. Vane, jun.	Sends some observations relating to the present transactions of the State, but can only contribute his earnest prayers for it; recommends three Hull shipmasters named for employment as masters of ships.	124
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends papers of Mr. Kendall relating to timber and cordage on board the Golden Cock. Mr. Green has charged 2,000 fathom of cordage more than he delivered. The ship building at Hampton only waits for masts and stores. Asks whether to purchase some canvas of Messrs. Ford and Manton.	125
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Asks how much to pay the ropers per cwt. for working the cordage, they are to have ⅔rds as much as those at London; also whether to send some tar and hemp to London and have some long boats graved. Desires a bill of 50*l.* may be paid to Hammond Ward, merchant.	126
„ 29	Capt. H[en.] H[atsell].	Robt. Blackborne	Sends a survey of defects in the Fortune. Has set carpenters to work upon her. The Falmouth is fitted, revictualled, and has gone to Portsmouth.	127
„ „	Rear-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *George, Lee Road.*	„	Asks whether to man the Greyhound, Betty, and the fire-ship, with the men he is procuring daily, having supplied them with some already.	128
„ „	Edw. Salmon, *Hull*	Adm. Com.	Through being at Lincoln assizes, has been unable to reply to theirs. Mr. Scotterith is at Newcastle and the other four at London; hope they will apply to the Committee.	129
[„ „]	John Swetnam, Mayor of *Weymouth.*	—	Account of disbursements for sick and wounded seamen brought on shore from Feb. 19, total, 165*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*	130
„ „	John Harris -	Robt. Blackborne	Sends a letter from Mr. Lenthall and asks his influence on behalf of two persons mentioned therein; also for Edm. Partridge to be master of the Fairfax, he has presented petitions and certificates for it.	131
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have selected the boatswain, gunner, and another officer for the new frigates, but are not so competent for this work as the Generals, who know their abilities, and could encourage men to go as inferior officers in hopes of preferment; propose that the recommending of all officers shall come from them for the future.	132
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a survey of the defects of the Fortune. Has received the Act for impressing seamen. The Marmaduke and Sampson are gone to Pendennis for the powder; has procured some men for the Sampson, and others are coming in for the Lily. Recommends Mr. Brangwine in the place of Mr. Lime.	133, 134
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *Bryer, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Asks whether to convoy two ships with victuals, and one at Gravesend with masts, bound for Portsmouth.	135
„ „	Thos. Thorogood -	Navy Com^rs^	Contract for hire of the Crescent, 340 tons, for six months at 125*l.* a month - -	136
„ „	Eustace Smith -	„	„ „ Richard and Martha, 500 tons, for six months, at 195*l.* a month - -	137

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1673.				Vol. 49.
Mar. 29	William Bayley -	Navy Com^rs	Contract for hire of the William of London, 700 tons, for six months, at 255*l.* a month - -	138
„ „	John Marvin -	„	„ „ Recovery of London, 500 tons, for six months, at 170*l.* a month - -	139, 140
„ „	Navy Committee -	„	Order on petition of Edw. Hill to make him a bill for payment of 19*s.* 6*d.* disbursements, and 19*l.* service, as messenger to the Navy Committee from 25 Dec. last.	141
„ 30	Navy Comrs., *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will send the wine presented to Col. Norton by the Commissioners, and the other things. We want intelligence in this barren place.	142
„ „	Navy Comrs., *London*	Adm. Com.	George Kendall will not accept the place of clerk of the survey at Deptford, unless he is paid 60*l.* a year, as allowed to Mr. Hayward at Chatham; he deserves it.	143
„ „	Col. Jno. Barkstead, *Tower.*	Robt. Blackborne	Asks where Major Bankes and Mr. Arnold named in the commission live, that they may be sent to. Desires Solomon Smith may be inserted for Capt. Limbrey, who is out of town.	144
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Have freighted Mr. Hopwood's hoy with gunners' stores for the fleet at Portsmouth, and she has sailed to the Bryer in the Hope. Have sent 200 barrels of powder by land, and two more wagons are lading with various provisions.	145
„ „	Navy Comrs., *London*	„	Recommend Thos. Bassett, master of the Seaflower ketch, formerly employed under Sir Geo. Ayscue, as a fit person for the service intended.	146
„ „	Major Bourne -	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. John Shaw, who was nominated captain of the William and was formerly commander of a squadron in the West Indies, where he lost a great estate, cannot undertake service for six weeks; recommends Capt. Marvell, formerly commander of the Recovery.	147
„ „	Thos. Rand -	Navy Com^rs	Contract for hire of the Defence of London, 400 tons, for six months, at 135*l.* a month - -	148, 149
„ „	Capt. Daniel Morgan	„	„ „ John and Abigall 350 tons „ 115*l.* „ - -	150, 151
„ „	Capt. John Tanner	„	„ „ Victory of London 400 tons „ 135*l.* „ - -	152
„ „	John Knight -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a warrant to reinstate him as cook of the Garland; was taken prisoner by the Dutch when he lost to the value of 25*l.* With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners.	153
„ „	Thos. Western, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs assistance for obtaining a convoy for Lynn, as another hoy has been taken near Burnham Haven; there are six or seven vessels bound for Lynn and Boston in which he has much iron.	154
„ „	Thos. Harrison -	Adm. Com.	Recommends Mr. Higginson as commander of a ship, he having been brought up to the sea, and ventured his all for the commonwealth.	155
„	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^rs	The Bryer is to take charge of ships in the Hope with provisions for the fleet. Desires that those freighted for Portsmouth may have orders to attend this convoy.	156
„ „	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will send a list of all the ships here and at sea by the next, as also of those sailed, making in men-of-war and prizes about 40 sail.	157
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have passed a bill for 10*l.* to Jane relict of John Morris, minister, slain on the Sapphire in the late engagement with the Dutch; and as he faithfully served the State, and has left five children, think 40*l.* more may be allowed.	158
„ „	Ordnance Com., *Whitehall.*	„	Send account of John Freeman for 113 barrels of powder, with cartage, &c., 528*l.* 1*s.*, and desire order for payment.	159, 160

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1653.				Vol. 49.
Mar. 31	Thos. Rabenet, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Unicorn is waiting for her provisions, guns, and carriages, and the officers ought to be hastened down.	161
" "	Navy Comrs., *London.*	Adm. Com.	Have passed a bill for payment of 10*l.* to Katherine widow of Thos. Bradaredge, late master of the Triumph, slain in the late engagement, and thinks she may be allowed 40*l.* more, being left with six children and an aged mother.	162
" "	Capt. Jno. Hosier, *Magdalen, Newcastle.*	"	Has received 250 barrels of powder from Major Tolhurst, and upon arriving in the Hope, will give due notice. The Swan and five others have arrived before the Bar, and there are 400 at Sunderland.	163
" "	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Newcastle.*	"	Capt. Green, with himself, the Sophia, Recovery, and 30 other light ships, met 20 more last night, from Lynn, Wells, and Boston, under convoy of Capt. Mould; all have arrived before Newcastle where they met five others, with a private man-of-war of five guns, which they had taken, Capt. Hosier has but 14 days and Capt. Green 18 to serve of their contract.	164
" "	Capt. Thos. S rling, *Little old Pr ident, Plymouth Sound.*	Generals at sea, *Whitehall.*	Could not reach Falmouth with his convoys through contrary winds, but all have come in here; is now under sail again, and waiting for his convoys to come out. Asks the command of the Little Lily for the Irish coast.	165
" "	Ordnance officers -	—	Account of 210 guns furnished to 27 merchant ships named hired for the service; nine more will require 63 guns which are wanting.	166
" "	Capt. Hen. Southwood, *Violet, Tynemouth Bar.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is using all diligence to discover whether De Witt is on the coast as reported. Capts. Allen, Kirby, Wilkinson, and Greene have arrived with 60 sail for this place and Sunderland, and there are others making near upon 300, which will be convoyed to their several ports.	167
March?	Ordnance officers -	"	Account of allowances and wages formerly paid to officers, clerks, artificers, and others belonging to the Ordnance Office, and approved of the late Navy and Admiralty Commissioners.	168
" "	Hen. Russell, boatswain.	Gen. Deane and Adm. Com.	Petition for removal to the Surrey or some other frigate. Is very poor, and has waited long -	169
" "	———	—	List of 28 seamen for whom warrants and summonses are to be issued - - - -	170
				Vol. 50.
April 1	Navy Committee -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out quarterly bills of 62*l.* 10*s.* for Clement Oxenbridge, as clerk of prize ships and goods.	1
" "	" -	"	Order for payment of 18*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* bill of Rob. Bowyer, for paper, fire, candles, chamber room, &c. for this Committee last quarter.	2
" "	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	"	Sends certificates of Thos. Culling, and of Faithful Teate, minister of East Greenwich, and recommends Hump. Halfpenny as purser or clerk of the check.	3, 4
" "	" -	"	To send the list of commanders of the merchant ships delivered to Major Bourne - - -	5, 5*a*
" "	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *Greyhound, Lee Road.*	Adm. Com.	Expects to man out of the colliers when they arrive, and on receipt of victuals and carpenters' stores, shall be ready for service.	6

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1653.				Vol. 50.
April 1	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *Greyhound, Lee Road.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has no victuals but what come from the George; could not get carpenters' stores at Chatham; desires order for a supply of both.	7
„ „	J. B[rangwine], *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has delivered their letters to Capt. Hatsell, and Mr. Strelley, who are sensible of a Divine hand in the business, but assured the event will prove glorious. Sends a letter from Hen. Fitzherbert, who has gone to London, complaining of ill-treatment for doing his duty, and hopes they will hasten his Custom-house business. Cannot understand his not making use of the oranges, and desires order for their disposal, as the ship, the Hector of Plymouth, is at Gravesend.	8, 9
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Will despatch the Lily, being nearly manned and victualled, as also the Marmaduke and Sampson which have arrived with powder from Pendennis Castle. Rich. Mill has come down to procure men to be sent to Portsmouth, but if the above ships sail, shall have none left to take them there. Hopes his and Mr. Strelley's desires concerning Mr. Brangwine for the Customs will be granted.	10
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send a list of the commanders of merchant ships taken up who will attend them for orders. Are procuring the other officers with speed.	11
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, Shipwright.	„	Petition that his son Joseph Taylor may have the command of a good ship, having made three voyages in the Unity, done good service under Sir Geo. Ayscue in fighting with the Dutch fleet. Bought and fitted a good ship of war for him, but she is obliged to change commanders.	12
„ „	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is sorry to hear of the great loss in the Straits; sends an account of the fleet. Capt. Stokes has brought in a ship pretending to be from Hamburg, but she has 200 letters from Amsterdam, and 13,000*l.* in pigs of silver and money; if she proves prize, it will help well.	13
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com[rs]	The Bryer is still here. Will send an account of the ships in the next - - - -	14
„ „	Adm. Comrs. -	„	Order that the two frigates at Deptford be made ready to launch in 18 days - - -	15
„ 2	„ -	„	Order to impress the Mayflower for the service - - - - - - - -	16
„ „	„ -	„	Order to enter Geo. Kendall clerk of the survey at Deptford, salary 60*l.* a year - - -	17
„ „	„ -	„	„ Ab. Sheares clerk of the check in one of the merchant ships - - -	18
„ „	„ -	„	Order for appointment of the following officers for ships:—	19
			Thos. Burgess, gunner, and Thos. Phillips, clerk of the check in the Essex - - -	
			John Hudson „ and Hugh Clements, carpenter of the Hampshire - - -	
			John Howard „ of the Wren - - - - - - - -	
			John Hammond „ of the Stork - - - - - - - -	
			John Arnold, steward of the Portland - - - - - - - -	
„ „	Capt. Jno. Hayward, *Gillyflower, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Asks an order for delivery of some guns and provisions. Is ordered to convoy ships with provisions to the fleet at Portsmouth, but the ships are not come. Begs they may be hastened. The Old Warwick is plying between the Goodwin Sand and Flanders, to learn news of the Dutch fleet. Capt. Lawson is with some of the ships in Lee Road.	20
„ „	„ -	Navy Com[rs]	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	21

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1653. April 2	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Rob. Blackborne	Gives the numbers of men on board the Nonsuch and five other ships, with account of their victuals. The Resolution will sail on the 4th.	Vol. 50. 22
„ „	Rear-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *George, Lee Road.*	„	Asks orders as to convoying the fleet of colliers, and appointing a commander to the Little Betty. Has men to spare.	23
„ 3	Thos. Rabenett and three others, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	Particulars of a survey of the Unicorn. The delay in rigging her arises from want of tackle, cordage, and sails, and there is a great scarcity of men.	24
„ 4	Robert Blackborne -	„	Provisions are required for Capt. Penn's squadron; the Committee desires that Major Bourne may go down with one of the victuallers. One or two of the Navy Commissioners are to attend the Admiralty Committee to-morrow.	25
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wyard, *Adventure, Tynemouth bar.*	Adm. Com.	Arrived at the Bar of Newcastle with Capt. Motham of the Bear, and 150 sail of colliers, on the 28th ultimo, and was ordered to Enderness (Inverness) to convoy 24 ships, but they refuse to go with only one man-of-war, several Flemish men-of-war having been seen on the coast. The fleet of 300 laden colliers has sailed with Capt. Motham and 10 men-of-war as convoy. Asks orders, as his fleet refuses to sail.	26, 27
„ „	Ant. Tutcher and Ambrose Dinnison, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Have pressed 190 men at Wisbeach, Wells, Lynn, and other places, and will endeavour to procure more. Have charged a bill for 20*l.* upon them to defray expenses. Some vessels are fitting for Ireland; but it is perilous, all trade should be stopped till the war is over.	28
„ „	Sy. Jorey, *Deal* -	Robt. Blackborne	Asks for the place of muster-master if it is intended to appoint one, and that his interest in the spermaceti, seized by his brother, may not be lost by any fraudulent pretence.	29
„ „	John Brandling, *Ipswich.*	Jno. Gourdon and Nath. Bacon, *London.*	Recommends Thos. Appleyard for the command of a small ship - - - - -	30
„ „	Fras. Allen, *Dover* -	Adm. Com.	Having orders from the Lord General to march 270 men of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment to Peterfield, to be shipped on order from the Generals at sea, desires order to ship them at Dover to prevent their running away, most of them being new recruits.	31
„ „	Jno. Heath, *Worcester, Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Can depose upon oath that Nath. Mead, commander of the Renown, and Mr. Lemon sold 220 fathoms of cable for 10*l.*, and that the anchor was taken to Lemon's house.	32
„ „	Math. Close, *Yarmouth.*	„	Edw. Edgar, ship carpenter, has 60 men at work upon the two frigates building by him, and the work is progressing well. Edgar wants 10 tons of the Spanish iron taken from the Dutch by Gen. Blake, and two long boats.	33

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Apr. 4	Capt. Wm. Billers, *Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Has received 209 barrels of powder from the Governor of Dover for the fleet at Portsmouth. and will sail to Capt. Hayward in the Downs. Vice-Admiral Penn is in the road with 60 sail.	34
„ „	Rich. Johnson -	Sir Hen. Vane, jun.	Thanks for his appointment at Portsmouth as a reformado or midshipman, but as it is so inconsiderable, will prefer remaining with Col. Whaley until he can procure a commission as commander of a ship.	35
„ „	Adm. Comrs. -	Navy Com^rs^	Reference of the petition of Chris. Deane for employment as gunner on a merchant ship - -	36
„ „	John Moalamb, *Vanguard.*	„	The muster book prepared by Hugh Middleton, late check of the Vanguard, and now lieutenant of the Assistance, was imperfect, as making men runaways who were not so, and discharging men without time, &c. Is making another and will send it up.	37
„ 5	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	—	List of officers belonging to the Black Raven, Great and Little Charity prizes, and the new frigate.	38
„ „	Navy Comrs., *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Recommend Susannah Peters for some allowance, having lost her husband in the late fight with the Dutch.	39
„ „	Capt. E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne	Recommends Walter Larder, a relation by marriage, as boatswain of the Wren, or midshipman of the Unicorn.	40
„ „	Ordnance officers -	—	Account of contracts with six gunpowder makers for powder, with particulars of delivery and arrears	41
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Rejoices that they are resettling the officers of the dockyards, this being the only way to remedy abuses. Begs to resign his place of master shipwright at Chatham, on account of his wife's illness, and the concernments of his children in London, that he may be able to look after his rents which are daily being lost. Will continue to give what services he can gratuitously, and is going with others to appraise the merchant ships appointed for the service.	42
[„ „]	———	—	List of 25 captains of merchant ships who are approved, and of 17 to be further considered -	43
„ „	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Sends a letter to the Commissioners with commissions for captains of the merchant ships. Will make a list of the fleet, with the number of men and guns, and all warrant officers.	44
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Summoned the captains of the merchant ships taken up, and delivered them their commissions and orders to sail to the Lee Road; want the other commissions. Capt. Woodfin desires the command of the Joshua, as he will not be ready soon enough for the Exchange.	45
„ 6	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	Order that the Fairfax be rebuilt from the portion still uninjured, to her former proportions -	46
„ „	Navy Comrs., *Portsmouth.*	„	Send abstract of a demand of 11 March, and desire order for it, and a note from the clerk of the check with reference to men pressed. Mr. Timbrill, the smith, has petitioned for an increase of price for his ironwork, on account of the high price of coals, iron, and labour; cannot proceed therein until it is known what Capt. Hall receives as smith at Deptford.	47
„ „	Rich. Grumwell, *Richard and Mary, Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed three vessels from Waterford for the Severn, and been forced by weather to King's Road where he waits orders.	48

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Apr. 6	Capt. Arnold Browne	Adm. Com.	List of 72 men pressed for the Benjamin - - - - - - - - -	49
„ 7	Thomas Brook -	Navy Com^rs	Recommends Joshua Bradish for employment as master in a small vessel - - - -	50
„ „	Ralph Grundy, clerk of the check, *Guinea, Sole Road.*	„	Sends muster book for three months, and will do so monthly in future. The frigate has been victualled for 150 men, who are all in good health.	51
„ „	Capt. Jno. Limbery, *Margate.*	Adm. Com.	Has been on board the Vice-Admiral, and finds his squadron have 10 weeks' victuals on board -	52
„ 8	Thos. Hewett and Jno. Pene, *Golden Fleece, Barnstaple.*	Navy Com^rs	Have pressed 40 men there and at Bideford; 200 were returned in the list, but the mariners have mostly run and are disobedient to the warrants. The Mayor and justices should bring them in by force. Ask for more tickets and a letter of credit to obtain money at Swansea.	53
„ „	Rich. Stokes -	[„]	Mr. Pett is proceeding with the building of the frigate at Ratcliffe, and desires payment of the third instalment allowed when so far completed.	54
„ „	John Browne -	Major Thompson.	Recommends Geo. Hawkes for a cook's place - - - - - - - -	55
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners, and desires they will hasten down the things therein mentioned.	56
„ „	Rear-Admiral Jno. Lawson, *George, Swinn.*	Adm. Com., *Gravesend.*	Hears the Newcastle fleet has not yet sailed. Is going down to the Swinn to meet the Vice-Admiral, and has sent orders to Capt. Wright to meet them there, or else to hasten to Orfordness.	57
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Has procured and will procure what seamen he can, and has sent 20 away in the Lily to Dartmouth. Gave all assistance to Mr. Mill who is now fully commissioned, and hopes to receive a number of men from him, but ships are wanted to send them away. Has bought some more hemp, tar, and pitch, and charged a bill upon them for 600*l.*, which he desires may be met. Expected an order concerning the Middleburg prize for a hulk, as the Prize Collectors have directions to sell it.	58
„ „	„ -	Robt. Blackborne	To similar effect. Asks him to write the Generals to send ships to take away the men procured to the fleet.	59
„ „	Capt. Wm. Billers, *Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Shipped the 209 barrels of powder on board the Gillyflower in the Downs, and 200 men of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment were shipped at the pier. Encloses account by Mr. Delaval of shot delivered by Mr. Strudwick according to contract, and of merchant ships supplied and to be supplied with powder and shot. A warrant is required to fetch shot from Arundel Castle to Portsmouth, for supply of the fleet there.	60, 61
„ 9	Rear-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *George, Harwich.*	„	Had ordered the Greyhound to attend the discovery of the Vice-Admiral and the fleet with him, and will lose no opportunity of conjunction with him, or of prosecuting their commands. The Golden Falcon fire-ship, commanded by Capt. Tuttle, is in the Spits, and was mistaken for one of the enemy.	62

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Apr. 9	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Sends copy of the instructions given to each captain of the fleet, for sailing, fighting, &c. Will send a list of the fleet as early as possible; hopes he has received the commissions. General Deane desires his letters to be carefully forwarded, some not having arrived.	63
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	[Navy Comrs.]	The work to be done on the Swiftsure will be as much as that done to the Speaker and Antelope, and be worth the rate given to Mr. Simpson. Has viewed the former joiner's work in the stores, and it will be best to value it upon the ship, and let the contractors make an allowance.	64
" "	Eli. Drew, *Chester* -	Robt. Blackborne.	Sent a copy of the warrant of Col. Lilburne, Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, and having arrived at Liverpool, came thither, and desires further orders.	65
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Wapping.*	Adm. Com.	Found yesterday at Gravesend honest men able to serve as captains, who will be ready at 24 hours' notice, viz., Robt. Barnes, Sam. Cook, Dan. Morgan, Roger Thomson, and Amos Ford.	66
" 11	Capt. Arnold Browne, *The London, Lee Road.*	"	Brought down the Sarah and Globe from Tilbury Hope, but the others were not ready. The ships have received their proportions of soldiers, and were told to keep up a loving correspondence with them. Expects the other ships down to-day, and will then ascertain whether they are ready for sea.	67
" "	Edw. Mundy, *Woodbridge.*	Navy Com^rs	Has bought 60 or 70 loads of plank of Mr. Meadowes at Ipswich, at 64*s.* a load, and will send it to the Chatham stores; has charged on them for that and other timber a bill for 500*l.*, payable to Edw. Goldston, of Woodbridge, draper, and desires payment. Is about buying 400 or 500 more loads, but wants further order therein. Is sending away 150 loads of plank, but the taking of a Walderswick hoy, with plank, butter, and cheese, has made the hoymen afraid of sailing; a hoy for Chatham was chased by a Flemish dogger boat, and had to put in again. The frigates building are fit for survey.	68
" "	Capt. Peter Motham and eight other captains, *Scarborough.*	"	Send account of disbursements in securing 300 sail of colliers, when they were forced into the Road and harbour of Scarborough by 20 sail of Dutch, total, 31*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*	69, 70
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Ask orders respecting several merchant ships whose contracts have expired. Thinks they had better be retained, though they will not serve on the former terms.	71
" "	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks for some martial laws in folio and some in books, and some encouragements for the seamen, as also the Acts for impressing them. The Generals ask whether the deputies allowed the Marshal-General are not to have 2*s.* 6*d.* a day. Will go on board the Resolution to-morrow, and hopes to be at sea a week hence. Respects to Brother Creed.	72
" "	Navy Comrs., *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Send a demand for spikes, and a note from the clerk of the check of pressed men. No one appearing for Mr. Ford's bill which was ordered to be made out, it has been neglected. The ships shall take in as much victuals as they can carry; the merchantmen complain of the non-payment of their imprest bills. The Tiger, Triumph, and Oak are gone forth, and the harbour will soon be emptied.	73
" "	Adm. Comrs. -	"	Order to see the Portland fitted out and victualled by petty warrant - - - -	74

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April 12	Rich. Dermott, *Liverpool.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends muster books of the Lucy and Truelove; the latter has gone convoy with some ships with provisions for the army at Dublin. The Primrose is daily expected to transport the 40,000*l.* for the army in Ireland.	75
" "	Thos. Rabenett, *Chatham.*	"	The Unicorn has been waiting for her provisions since the 1st inst. Has 22 brass ordnance but no carriages; 60 tons of ballast would have been taken in to-day, but being a day of thanksgiving, dares not work, for disobeying the order of Parliament. Desires the gunners' stores and beer may be hastened down and the officers.	76
" 13	Major Robt. Thomson, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to move the Admiralty Commissioners to grant him a month's leave of absence, to recruit his health, being advised by Dr. Wright and Sir Rich. Napier to go into the country.	77
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Ask directions as to relieving the John, Prosperous, Charles, George Bonadventure, and Katherine arrived in the river. The Eagle can be had at 4*l.* a man. Recommend Mr. Burton for employment as a master. The Richard and Mary's contract ended this month, and there is no reservation made for continuance.	78
" "	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^rs	Is directed by the Admiralty Committee to ask for a list of the merchant ships come in, whose contracts are nearly expired.	79
" "	John Fuller, *Bristol*	"	Asks whether his ship will be further required, as his time has nearly expired, and Capt. Grumwell would not put the State to unnecessary expense.	80
" "	Capt. Rich. Grumwell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Asks whether to clear off his men, or continue to the end of this month, according to his contract	81
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Mr. Maplestone has used all diligence in furnishing the stores with timber at low rates; as the Fairfax is to be rebuilt, thinks 1,000*l.* should be imprested to him, to enable him to pay his liabilities, as also for his encouragement.	82
" "	" " -	Adm. Com.	The Unicorn and the Wren pink are ready to sail, and only wait ordnance, carriages, and victuals.	83
" "	Edm. Curle, *Mary fly-boat, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks orders as to following the fleet to the Isle of Wight, having missed it by coming here -	84
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send list of officers proposed for 10 ships named - - - - - - -	85
" "	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Giles Powder for a cook's place in the Hampshire, Newcastle, or Essex, in preference to 2 others named.	86
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order that the captains of the 40 merchantmen now taken up be restored to them as they come in and are discharged.	87
" "	" -	"	Order to certify whether the Richard and Mary at Bristol cannot be continued in the service, and to victual the Cock at Dover.	88
" "	" -	"	Order for discharge of the John Cullen and 7 other ships, on a Council of State reference of 13 April.	89
" "	" -	"	Order to inquire whether the Prosperous, reported unfit for a man-of-war, can be used as a victualler.	90

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Apr. 14	Robt. Thomson, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Asks whether they will attend the launching of the two new frigates at Deptford Dock on Monday, that he may make provision accordingly.	91
„ „	John Holt, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks whether the Admiralty Commissioners require a lease of his sister Mrs. Boat's house and orchard at Portsmouth; she will grant one for the residue of her term, 10 years, at 22*l.* 10*s.* a year, she paying all taxes. The Navy Commissioners, on a reference to them, think fit to pay that amount.	92
„ „	Simon Evans, *Benjamin, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has been on board his ship, and finds the officers very civil. There are 75 seamen and watermen and 25 soldiers, and no time will be lost in obtaining 40 seamen more, and making the ship serviceable.	93
„ 15	Jonathan Taylor, *Shadwell.*	—	Recommends Roger Read as lieutenant of the Consent of London - - - -	94
„ „	Jno. Fowler, *Portsmouth.*	Sir Hen. Vane, jun.	From the patronage and favours received from his father at the Admiralty Committee, begs that he will forward his petition before the Navy Commissioners, for a warrant confirming him in the appointment conferred upon him by the Generals, as advocate of the fleet.	95
„ „	Major Rob. Thomson, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Sends certificate by Capt. Wm. Bayley, of the William hired for the service, that in sending his boat to press some men out of some small vessels, one of them, an Ipswich hoy, ran over the boat, and put all the men in the water, one of whom was drowned; he has therefore detained her and the master with the passengers on board, and desires that the master shall give security to answer for the mischief done in the Admiralty Court.	96, 97
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Saw the coal fleet about Orfordness yesterday, and spoke with Vice-Admiral Penn with his fleet 5 or 6 leagues from the Spurn going south, some without and some within the sands. Movements of ships.	98
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Send propositions of John Freeman, Dan. Judd, and John Samyne for repairing the old powder in the stores at 18*s.* per barrel ready money. Some abatement should be made, as they have had it done for 15*s.*, 16*s.*, and 17*s.* per barrel. There are 60 barrels to be sold in town at 4*l.* 15*s.* per barrel, and it is much needed.	99, 100
„ „	Navy Comrs., *Portsmouth.*	„	Have consulted with the Generals as to enlarging and improving the dockyard, and think five acres of ground adjoining should be purchased for laying timber and erecting storehouses, and a wall built round it, to keep the stores from being embezzled, and the workmen more close to their duty; estimated cost, 1,530*l.*	101
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to inquire into the truth of Capt. Wildey's complaint of the badness of harbour victuals and smallness of the pork.	102
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to inquire what monthly payments are due to the victuallers for harbour victuals, and whether included in the 20,000*l.* a month payable from the Excise.	103

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Apr. 16	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Notes of ships. As the spikes have not arrived, has taken off the smiths to make some. The expense for sick and wounded men is very great; desires when Mr. Poortmans comes down to pay off the yard, that he will bring some money to meet them. Sends petition of the mast-makers of Chatham and Portsmouth for increase of their wages, and desires order to Mr. Turner to send one of the Chatham quarterly pay books, so that he may see what is allowed the ship-wrights and caulkers there.	104
" "	" -	Adm. Com.	Will follow Council's order for victualling the ships for the southward as the rest of the fleet, but cannot do anything in the way of fish, until the arrival of Capt. Alderne. The Hopewell has brought 60 men from Jersey, 24 of whom formerly belonged to Prince Rupert. Col. Heane writes that he has sent 60 cwt. of hemp, and that he has sold a prize with corn for 120*l.*, the corn at 4*s.* per bushel. Sends a note of brass ordnance at Jersey, which may be spared. The Assistance and two more have sailed, and others will do so this week.	105
" "	Maj. Rob. Thompson, *Navy Office.*	"	Has issued warrants to the officers at Chatham to rebuild the Fairfax. Asks whether the Richard and Mary at Bristol is to be continued in the service, her contract having expired. Want of cordage. Asks whether they have purchased the 1,000 tons of hemp and 3,000 barrels of tar, as it will not do to let that bargain slip. Has hired the Eagle of 750 tons and 30 men for six months, at 3*l.* 15*s.* a head, and desires they will appoint a commander.	106
" "	Capt. David Dove, *Tenth Whelp, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Left Capts. Penn and Motham with the fleet near the Spurn, standing to sea, and convoyed the vessels under his charge as far as Alford Nests [Orfordness], when he received orders to return to between Yarmouth and Newcastle Bar, to convoy as opportunity should present. Is now in company with the Swan, Sparrow, Nicodemus, and Greyhound.	107
" "	Capt. Barth. Yate, *Inverness.*	"	Will press what men he can, and then repair to the fleet or the Thames. Has received order from Col. Lilburne to go to Newcastle for six ships laden for Dundee and Inverness. Asks an order for guns and carriages lying at Newcastle, which formerly belonged to the Increasing Moon of Middleburg, also for men.	108
" 17	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Pelican frigate, Sole Bay.*	Major R. Thomson.	Recommends the bearer for the command of a ship, having had many years' experience - -	109
" "	Tobie Bonnell, *Sea Flower, Lee Road.*	—	Certificate at request of the master, Thos. Bassett, that in the voyage to Rotterdam with letters to the States General, one of his anchors was broken, and the ship much damaged thereby, having to turn to windward and ride out hard winds.	110
" "	John Graves and two others.	—	Muster book of the Jonathan from 1 Nov. 1652 to 17 April 1653. With notes of calculations -	111–113
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order referring to them the part of the letter of the Generals of April 16 relating to fish for the ships.	114, 115

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Apr. 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for four oars and repair of the cable of the Weymouth pink - - - -	116
" "	" - -	"	Order that the company of the Satisfaction, now come in, be paid to 1 Jan. last, and employed on the Hamburg Merchant.	117
" "	Capt. Robt. Kirkby, *Sophia, Sole Bay.*	"	Came with the fleet of colliers to the Humber, and coming thence, met the Vice-Admiral, who commanded him to leave them and follow him. His ship sailed very heavy on first going to sea, but is now much better. Hopes they were satisfied with Capt. Motham's letters from the Humber.	118
" "	" -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	119
" "	" -	Robt. Blackborne.	" " - - - - - - - - - -	120
" "	Capt. John Prowd -	Adm. Com.	Recommends his brother, Thos. Prowd, for the command of the Eagle, he having served under Sir Geo. Ayscue and in the East India Company, and been two voyages with him in the Eagle.	121
" "	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Unicorn will sail to-morrow, although neither her guns, carriages, nor victuals have come down. Asks a positive order for caulking the Scotch boats.	122
" "	" -	Navy Com[rs]	To the same effect. Desires order to the victuallers to send down 20 tons of puncheons of beer, or she will be overcharged with the guns on her upper tier.	123
" "	Capt. Jas. Peacock, *Triumph.*	Mr. Hutchinson.	Asks him to pay his son Owen Taylor a bill for 73*l.* 3*s.* - - - - - -	124
" "	Jno. Cruso, deputy check, *Yarmouth.*	Com. of Navy and Customs.	The fleet of about 40 men-of-war passed to the southward on the 16th, and six others named have followed them, but the Swan and Sparrow have returned and gone northward. Some vessels were injured at Scarborough lately, and others chased on shore at Hapsburgh, by a small pickeroon.	125
				Vol. 51.
" 19	Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn, *James, Sole Bay.*	Navy Com[rs]	Wants some blue and white ensigns, hammocks and leather buckets, also a capstain for his ship, as it may prove dangerous to be without one.	1
" "	Thos. Orton, clerk of the check, *Sophia, Sole Bay.*	"	Sends two muster books. Has many sick men, and asks the same accommodation as other ships of the same rank have for them; will see it is put to the best use. Is in Vice-Adm. Penn's fleet.	2
" "	Navy Committee -	"	Order to make out bills to Mr. Hutchinson, Navy treasurer, for 100*l.* for the rent of a house in which to transact naval affairs, from 1 Jan. 1653.	3
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to hasten the victuals and gunners' stores of the Culpeper, and to see that the owners do not neglect fitting her to sail.	4
" "	John Cole and John Bonner.	—	Muster books of the John from 8 May 1652 to 19 April 1653; with note of the taking of two prizes, the Shortnose and the Peter of Hamburg.	5

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Apr. 19	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Ask a letter to the Navy Committee for payment of their quarter's wages - - -	Vol. 51.
" "	Thos. Scott, Christ. Pett.	[Navy Comrs.]	Have surveyed the Prosperous, and if her ports are enlarged and new cables supplied, she will serve as a man-of-war.	6 6*a*
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Finds a great difference in time in their list between the determining of the former contracts made with 12 merchant ships and the commencement of the new contracts; desires they will examine where the mistake lies; the commanders maintain their former contracts to be as in the list.	7
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The victuallers' monthly imprest of 650*l.*, for harbour victuals is not included in the 20,000*l.* a month, but they are distinct sums, and both payable by contract for four months to come.	8
" "	" - -	"	Have consulted with the victuallers for supplying the fleet with victuals up to the end of September, which can be taken up at ports named, and sent to the fleet with all speed; but 40 sail with 800 or 900 men will have to be employed to carry them.	9
" "	Thomas Skelton, *Custom House, Minehead.*	Mr. Leptratt.	Asks information concerning his charter-party, and an order for his money from the Commissioners of the Navy and Customs. Hears of the taking of some of the coal ships from Newcastle and the landing of the Danes in Scotland. Asks what to do with the grand Pirate he took, Capt. Balthasar of Brest, and his bill of exchange of 168*l.* 18*s.* Asks him to inquire of Mr. Blackborne and Capt. Menerly, and they, in this and his other discoveries, shall go shares with him to a penny.	10
" "	Navy Victuallers, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Have conferred with the Navy Commissioners, who think that for the immediate supply of the fleet, they must draw off the provisions in Hull, Yarmouth, and Harwich; and that some of themselves should go to those ports instead of directly to the fleet, with Major Bourne.	11
" "	Capt. Phineas Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Rob. Blackborne.	The Sapphire has come in, having spent her foremast and bowsprit, and will now be docked. The Unicorn has taken in her guns, stores, and beer; 130 men were entered, but she could only muster 70 on board; the Wren pink has 19 entered, and both will sail the first opportunity.	12
" 20	" -	"	Details of ships. Recommends Thos. Rowley, carpenter of the President, in place of that in the Unicorn, who has misconducted himself.	13
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Some spikes have come, but money and ironwork are much wanted; desires they will press the Treasurer to hasten Mr. Poortmans down, and some hammocks for the merchant ships. Sends notes by the clerk of the check of men entered on board the State's ships.	13*a*
" "	Jno. Poynes, clerk of the check, *Happy Entrance, Sole Bay.*	"	Sends muster book, which has been delayed through his being ordered to sea with the squadron going northward.	14
" "	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	Generals Deane and Monk.	Has only 75 barrels of powder in the stores, and there is great want of more, and of other provisions; has borrowed out of the garrison, to supply ships already set forth, 120 barrels of powder and much shot. With account of corn powder required for 11 ships mentioned at Portsmouth, 1,598 barrels.	15

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1653. Apr. 21	John Poortmans, *Resolution, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	There are upwards of 30 sail in the road, and the Tiger and Assistance have gone to cruise in the Channel. Men are much wanted. Courts-martial are held every other day for punishing offenders against the Articles of War, but there is little reformation. They are the rudest generation of men I ever saw.	Vol. 51. 16
" "	Matthew Chase, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of the frigates and boats in building under Mr. Edgar - - - -	17
" "	Rich. Cannings -	Robt. Thomson.	Recommends Capt. Houghton for employment, as he has done good service under Capt. Wyard -	18
" "	Capt. Edw. Shooter, *Lynn.*	Col. Valentine Walton, Sir Walter Strickland, and Thos. Lister, or the Ordnance Com.	Has laden two small vessels with ordnance and ammunition from Lynn and Boston, but cannot meet with a man-of-war to convoy them to London. Asks whether to sail without convoy.	19
" "	Saml. Osborne -	Thos. Turner.	Asks for warrants for the money to be paid to Mr. Swetnam, whose power of attorney to receive them is sent by bearer.	20
" 22	John Poortmans, *Resolution, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends five commissions by order of Council, and desires him to fill up one for Capt. Brandley to command a frigate at Deptford.	21
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Desire that the company of the Satisfaction may be paid off, and they transferred to another ship, the Hamburg Merchant, in which they were to go, having sailed.	22
" "	Wm. Kiffen - -	Major R. Salwey.	Recommends Capt. Edm. Chapman for the command of a ship, having formerly served in the Happy Entrance, and been a great sufferer upon an unfounded charge of cowardice.	23
" "	Rich. Whyneard, *Greenwich.*	Wm. Shelton, *Woolwich.*	Asks assistance in placing his boy on board a ship - - - - - - -	24
" "	Sarah, widow of Capt. Wm. Tanick, commander of the *Mary prize.*	—	Petition for relief. Her husband was in the last engagement with the Dutch, and lost his life by an accident. With certificate in her favour.	25, 26
" "	Generals Deane and Monk, *Resolution, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Request favour for the above petition. Noted that 100*l.* is to be given to the widow, and 100*l.* to the child of which she is pregnant if it lives.	27

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1653.				Vol. 51.
Apr. 23	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent the Unicorn to Gillingham, and desires her officers may be hastened down to the Hope. She wants many men. Sent the Wren away to-day, and is getting the Saphire ready to sail next Monday.	28
" "	" " -	Navy Com^rs	John Lloyd, appointed steward of the Wren pink, wants his instructions and a bill for his necessary money; the Wren and the Unicorn have sailed to Gillingham.	29
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Desire that the offer made by some gentlemen to supply 1,000 tons of hemp, and 3,000 barrels of tar may be accepted, as the want of cordage is daily increasing.	30
" "	T. Lawes, *Resolution, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to enclose his letters in Mr. Poortman's packet, being engaged in a small matter with the Generals.	31
" "	Vice-Adm. Wm. Penn, *James.*	Capt. Jno. Daniel of the Maidenhead.	Desires he will sail to the Hope and report himself to the Admiralty Commissioners, as his victuals are exhausted.	32
" "	John Poortmans, *Resolution, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Encloses a letter for Vice-Adm. Penn, and desires he will send it to the Governor of Dover Castle.	33
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Details of ships. The Fox is fitted out as a fire-ship. With lists, of which, to prevent mistakes, duplicates are sent to the Trinity House and Chatham, of 37 seamen who have had gratuities of from 1*l.* to 10*l.* from the chest at Portsmouth, for wounds received in the last engagement with the Dutch since 14 April 1653, as also of two widows whose husbands were slain at the time, 10*l.* each.	34, 35
" "	" " -	[Navy Comrs.]	Does not conceive the order from the Admiralty Commissioners extends to the paying of soldiers' sea pay, but only to the allowance of gratuities to such as are wounded. Will point out the errors made by the commanders of the merchant ships as to the time they contracted for. It will be needless to muster the ketches, as they are victualled, manned, and mustered by the clerks of the check of the ships they attend. Sends some muster books. All the ships have left the harbour, and are ready for action, except the Worcester and four others.	36
" "	Thos. Greene, *Dover*	"	Account made at request of Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, of the Golden Cock prize and the John Baptist, fitting out for the service.	37
" "	" " -	Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, Governor of Dover Castle.	To like effect; desires that a captain may be appointed, as he might be useful in pressing men. The Ruby reports that most of our fleet are in Stokes Bay.	38
" 24	Edm. Curle, *Mary fly-boat, Lee Road.*	Navy Com^rs	Received their orders to go to Vice-Adm. Penn, but meeting with contrary winds, Major Bourne had sailed before he arrived; will go to him with some men-of-war now in the Hope, unless ordered to the contrary.	39

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1653.				Vol. 51.
Apr. 25	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Reference of the petitions of Rich. Spack, Step. Cakeet and Thos. White, and the certificate about John Axon, who are to have fitting relief.	40
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	"	Mr. Edgar, the builder of the two frigates at Yarmouth, being in town, desires his bills for the second payment on account.	41
" "	Anth. Porter, *Amity, Downs.*	"	The Betty foundered on the 14th inst.; perceiving her in distress, was instrumental in saving her company of 24 persons. Has been run into by the Gift, but got clear with the loss of his starboard and damage to his ship's head. Will send his muster books next post.	42
" "	Prize officers -	"	Ask a survey of the Yagher prize, brought in to Newcastle by Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, and if fit for the service, will order her delivery. Have given orders to their Sub-Commissioners at Yarmouth to deliver the Red boat to Mr. Taylor, but her sails and cable have been embezzled, and it were good to make an example of the delinquents.	43
" "	William Burton, *Yarmonth.*	"	Asks whether to contract for some hemp and tow arrived in a vessel from Hamburg. Wants a bill for 150*l.*, which he has drawn on the navy treasurer in favour of Capt. Wm. Goffe, to be paid.	44
" "	Jno. Cruso, clerk of the check, *Yarmouth.*	"	The Swan, Sparrow and 10th Whelp put in by contrary winds, but returned to the northward. Capt. Cracknell passed by to the southward, and Captains Roberts and Fairly arrived from the fleet in Aldborough Road, which sailed for the Downs and consisted of 70 sail.	45
" "	Peter Strong, *Ratcliffe.*	Robt. Quakmor [Coytmor,] *Westminster.*	Recommends a poor widow for relief, she having lost her husband in the Resolution - -	46
" 26	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine and certify on Capt. Wildey's complaint of the defectiveness of provisions -	47
" "	" " -	"	Order that they have notice that some pitch, tar, &c. have come to Newcastle, and that they do as they judge best.	48
" "	Anth. Wells, *Hull* -	"	Cannot find any ship large enough to attend the fleet as a victualler, but there is one of 180 tons for which the master wants 120*l.* a month, and several others of less tonnage.	49
" "	Geo. Clarke -	Col. Thomson.	Petition for a master's place on a State ship, having adhered to Parliament and served as master's mate and master on merchant ships.	50
" "	John Brandling, *Ipswich.*	Navy Com^rs	Certificate that Geo. Clarke is travelling to London as a volunteer to enter the navy, and note by Wm. Terne, 26 April that he has been shipped in the Hampshire at Deptford.	51
" "	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Although he has ordered all the captains on board their respective ships, there are none at Woolwich or the Hope. Has taken all the serviceable men from the Satisfaction, and put them on board the Unicorn, now going to the Hope. Arrival of ships from the fleet, and sailing of others.	52
" "	" " -	Navy Com^rs	Arrival and departure of ships. There is a great want of men - - - - -	53

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1653.				Vol. 51.
Apr. 26	Thos. Greene, *Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Expects to have the Golden Cock fitted for sea by the 3rd of next month, and has conferred with Capt. Wilson, Deputy-Governor of Dover Castle, as to pressing the necessary men. The John Baptist will be ready this week. Will recruit the anchors and cables lost by Vice-Admiral Penn's fleet, in the storm last Sunday.	54
" "	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Tynemouth Bar.*	"	Has been plying between Yarmouth and Newcastle with the 10th Whelp and Sparrow, and came in with 25 light ships and other vessels. Will take in the 230 barrels of powder landed at Scarborough, and bring them with the coal and other ships to London.	55
" "	Capt. David Dove, *10th Whelp, Tynemouth Road.*	Adm.Com.	Has been cruising in company with the Swan and Sparrow. Discovered three vessels which had been chased on shore by Holland men-of-war; saved two, which are now at Yarmouth, and then sailed with 17 colliers for Newcastle; put into the Humber, where were 11 more, and convoyed the whole to Newcastle. There is a fleet there waiting for the next wind. Has but 13 days' victuals, and wants many necessaries not procurable at Portsmouth.	56
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	57
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm.Com.	Shipped 100 pressed seamen in the Bryer and Warwick, and 70 in the Lily, and Mr. Mill hopes to procure 200 in Cornwall, besides what he has already sent. Will write the Generals at sea to send a frigate or two to ship them.	58
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect. Thinks Mr. Tearne and Odway are gone from Padstow to Barnstaple and Minehead.	59
" "	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Tilbury Hope.*	"	On going on board, found the ship very unfit for sea, the workmen on board, and no victuals; as there will be 100 more men on board to-morrow, knows not how they are to be fed. Has received the 60 soldiers.	60
" "	John Poortmans, *Resolution, St. Helen's Point.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the instructions for Capt. Strong to sail to the Swinn, and orders to the merchant ships to obey him. Asks for some copies of the martial laws.	61
" "	" "	"	Sends a commission inadvertently left out of his former letter - - - - -	62
" "	Gen. Deane, *Resolution, St. Helen's Road.*	"	Is using all endeavours to get to sea; encloses a letter for Sir Hen. Vane - - - -	63
" "	Robt. Browne, *Liverpool.*	Sec. Smith, Navy Office.	Sends the ticket of Hen. Browne of the Lucy, who has been cleared, and received his press and conduct money; his mother being upon her death bed, desires it may be paid.	64
" "	Comrs. of Dutch Prizes.	Navy Com^rs	Send the names of men belonging to the Katherine put on board the Treveere Dutch prize, and ask whether they or the Navy Commissioners will pay their arrears.	65
" 27	Navy Comrs. -	Adm.Com.	Send survey of the Prosperous. The Newcastle frigate from Mr. Pett's yard at Ratcliffe is to be launched.	66
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Will reduce the officers' store-rooms in the three Dutch prizes fitting out, and in all others for the future. As the General will sail to-morrow, is getting the ships out, and taking in men and ammunition. Encloses list of gratuities given to 40 wounded mariners and two widows, since April 23.	67, 68

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1653.				Vol. 51.
Apr. 27	Thomas Marryott, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks for a surgeon, as the one appointed him was arrested, on coming to London for his chest -	69
" "	John Fuller, *Richard and Mary, King's Road.*	"	Asks whether his ship is to be continued in the service, as her contract expires on Satuarday. The company will go into another ship if paid their full wages.	70
" "	Wm. Fox, *Swa Tynemouth Bar.*	"	Arrived there in company of the 10th Whelp and Sparrow, and 25 light vessels; the Plover and Unity came to assist in convoying them. His captain is ordered to take in the 230 barrels of powder at Scarborough, and bring it to London, and to convoy some vessels laden for Ireland to Lynn. They will come with the 156 sail of colliers and some ships from Hull bound for London to Orfordness, and then convoy vessels from Lynn to Yarmouth Roads.	71
" "	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Asks whether to purchase, at 45*s.* per cwt., some Riga hemp, lately brought from Hamburg. With a note that he is to get it cheaper for ready money.	72
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Will observe their orders as soon as the fleet or any ships from them come in - - -	73
" "	Rich. Grumwell, *Bristol.*	"	Asks orders as to the disposal of his ship, as his contract ends on Saturday - - -	74
" "	Capt. John Taylor and John King.	"	Ask for an order to the Prize Commissioners to deliver to them the Dutch hoy Orange Tree, at the price she is appraised at, to fetch masts from the east countries, for a great ship they are building.	75
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Send a letter mentioning the discontent of the mariners of the Discovery at Bristol, and desire orders therein; also whether to discharge the Maidenhead and the Elizabeth and Ann, merchantmen lately come in.	76
" "	" -	"	Sends a list of pressed men, but many are so incapable that they have to be dismissed; and a demand for furnaces. The General and ships named will sail to-morrow, but want men, powder, and guns. Asks them to press 20 caulkers, and send them down to work on the Sovereign, Old Warwick, and Bryer. With list of gratuities paid to 18 wounded men since April 26.	77, 78
" "	John Moore, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs^	Cannot procure any boatswain or carpenter's stores for the Mayflower at Gravesend; they are generally procured at London. Two ketches have come in from the north, which Sir Hen. Vane ordered him to pay, or send up to the clerk of the Navy.	79
" "	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Tilbury Hope.*	"	Asks them to pay the bearer for the use of his smack in landing men, also to send down provision for his 200 men.	80

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1653. Apr. 27	John Read, mariner, *London.*	Adm.Com.	Petition for employment as a master, having been lately in the service of the States of Venice. With certificate in his favour by Maurice Thomson, Jno. Robinson, Wm. Pennoyer, and Wm. Rider, London.	Vol. 51. 81, 82
„ 28	Robt. Williams, *London.*	Major N. Bourne.	Recommends his wife's nurse, whose husband was slain while under Capt. Gunson, for relief -	83
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Cannot contract for a ship of 200 tons to carry provisions to the fleet at Southwold, as there is not one of that burden there; has one of his own of 160 tons, which they can use as a victualler at their own rates; one larger could not lade in the haven, but would have to go into the roads, and be more expensive.	84
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm.Com.	Have allowed 10*l.* to Winfred, widow of Edw. Peach, master and pilot of the Richard and Martha, slain in the late engagement. As she is in a very sad condition, and has three children, one a cripple, and another of defective sight, recommend her for 40*l.* more.	85
„ „	Jonas Shish -	Navy Com^rs^	Has viewed a parcel of ash oars belonging to Mr. Taylor, oar maker, which will be very serviceable for the State.	86
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Account of 86 men pressed by persons, and at places mentioned, 15 of whom have run away -	87
„ „	Navy Victuallers -	Adm.Com.	Account of contracts made for the issue of provisions at places mentioned, noting what are issued and what remain.	88
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Sarah widow of John Bayme, master of the Assurance, slain in the late engagement, having been left in a sad condition with one child, have allowed her 10*l.*, and recommend her for 30*l.* more.	89
„ „	„ -	„	On the petition of Ann widow of Lieut. John Harris of the Happy Entrance, slain in the late engagement, being left in a deplorable condition, have given her a bill for 10*l.*, and recommend her for 20*l.* more.	90
„ „	„ -	„	On the petition of Margaret widow of John Minter, mate of the Sapphire, slain in the late engagement, and as she is pregnant and has four children, have allowed her 10*l.*, and recommend her for 20*l.* more. With order 2 May granting it.	91, 92
„ „	„ -	„	On the petition of Edith widow of Thos. Williams, slain when quartermaster in the Sussex, and her son as a gunner in the Advantage, have allotted her 10*l.* towards the relief of herself and four children, and think she ought to be allowed 20*l.* more. With order 2 May granting it.	93, 94
„ „	Wm. Acworth -	„	Recommends Robert Entwisley for employment as clerk of the check - - -	95
„ „	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	To consider the certificate of Capt. Geo. Holcroft, and appoint him master of the John and Abigail, if satisfied.	96
„ 29	Capt. Robt. Salmon, *Defence of London, Tilbury Hope.*	„	Sends certificate of John Limbery and Rich. Reade, recommending Lieut. Thos. Horne, of Stepney, for employment as lieutenant of the Defence, and desires he may have his commission, and be hastened down with all speed.	97, 98

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1653. Apr. 29	T. Lawes, *Resolution, Isle of Wight.*	Robt. Blackborne.	General Deane thanks him for his intelligence, and desires him to forward an enclosure to his lady	Vol. 51. 99
" "	John Poortmans, *Resolution, three leagues E. of the Isle of Wight.*	"	Thanks for the copies of the laws of war. The fleet of Vice-Admiral Penn is in sight; they are hastening towards him.	100
" "	" "	"	Have joined with Vice-Admiral Penn being 58 sail and 36 fighting ships, and are making towards Dover or Margate. Hopes to meet him there.	101
" "	Wm. Wildey, *Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has been on board several ships, but none of the commanders have come, although ordered, and many are insufficiently manned; was therefore forced to instruct Capt. Nich. Heaton of the Sapphire to convoy two hoys with stores for the fleet, and supplied him with men out of the Maidenhead; desires an order may be sent him to make up his 170 men out of such ships as can spare them. The commanders of the merchant ships will neither obey orders nor attend their charge. There is great discontent among the men for want of clothes.	102
" "	" *Ratcliff.*	"	Has not received any order respecting the Wren in Lee Road, but will hasten her away with the hoys. Asks an order to transfer some of the men of the Unicorn to the Sapphire.	103
" "	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Tynemouth Bar.*	"	Will convoy the coal and Hull fleet and two ships with ordnance and ammunition at Lynn to London, receive the 100 barrels of powder at Yarmouth or Harwich, and press all such seamen as can possibly be spared.	104
" "	Thomas Greene, *Dover.*	Navy Com^rs	The Wildman fire-ship of Vice-Adm. Penn's squadron has come in disabled, having been run into; as she has five weeks' provisions on board for 25 men, desires order concerning her.	105
" "	" -	Adm. Com.	Sends certificates of Capt. Wm. Partridge commander, and of Thos. Richardson and three other officers of the Wildman, as to her being run into by the Pelican, and desires orders.	106-108
" "	Major R. Thomson	"	Sends certificate from Mr. Cannings in favour of Capt. Houghton, and recommends him for employment.	109
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Have considered the petition of the officers and mariners of the Prosperous, touching the loss of their clothes when the ship was taken and regained in the late engagement, and think each seaman should be allowed 40*s.* and the officers proportionably, as the State's free gift. This rule has been observed in cases of a like nature, and if that should be exceeded, it would be a bad precedent, and draw much clamour from others suffering in a like kind. With order in the Admiralty Committee April 30 accordingly.	110, 111
" "	" -	"	On the petition of Frances widow of Wm. Savidge, boatswain of the Advice, slain in the late engagement on 18 Feb. last, and the recommendation from the Generals, have allowed her 10*l.*, and think as she is enceinte, and in a sad condition she should have 20*l.* more. With order 2 May granting it.	112, 113

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1653. Apr. 29	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Considered their reference concerning John Axon and others, for wounds received in the Anthony Bonadventure, but it being before 1 Jan., it is not in their power to make any allowance; have referred them to the chest. Such applications are so numerous, that the Navy Office cannot bear it. Desire they may be transferred to the Trinity House, who have not a tithe of their trouble.	Vol. 51. 114
" "	Wm. White, *Redriffe.*	Navy Com^rs	Did not contract to supply merchant ships with gunpowder when fitted out as men-of-war, but has nevertheless, upon application of Capt. Newman, put 17 barrels on board the Mayflower. With note by the Navy Commissioners to the Ordnance officers for supply, as it was agreed with the merchant ships that all above their ordinary stores should be supplied by the State. With note by the Ordnance officers that they have supplied as they understood the contract, and if there has been any alteration in it, will perform up to it; and reply that all gunners' stores are to be supplied by the State.	115
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have considered the condition of Elizabeth Tarring, whose husband was slain while boatswain of the Assurance, and allowed her 10*l.* from the Dutch Prize Office; as she has three children and Capt. Saunders has certified that her husband performed his duties faithfully, recommend her for a further sum of 20*l.*	116
" "	Major N. Bourne -	[Navy Comrs.]	Wants a list of the prices for deals, pitch, tar, masts, iron, &c. sent to him at Deal, that he may be the better able to contract for such commodities.	117
" "	A. Stratton, *Ipswich*	"	Has conferred with Thos. Shipman for the hire of the Thomas and Elizabeth, of 300 tons as a victualling ship, and if the State will find victuals and wages, and settle as to freight, 70*l.* or 75*l.* a month will procure her.	118
" "	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Received their letter, but as there is a mistake in the superscription, cannot act upon it - -	119
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Will survey the ships in the Hope, and on his way to London. The works on the Unicorn will be finished this week.	120
" "	Capt. Robert Wilkinson, *Weymouth Pink, Hosley Bay.*	"	Has 30 sail under his convoy, bound for Scotland, Berwick, and Newcastle, and is only staying for Capt. Allen who directed him to sail to Harwich. Encloses two letters for Amsterdam found on board a sloop pretending from Dunkirk, which has unladen 19 or 20 barrels of currants at Harwich, but which he cannot find; there is another lading at Yarmouth which he hopes to surprise on his way. There are many such in these parts, which want looking after.	121
" 30	John Fuller, Clerk of the Check.	—	Muster book of the Richard and Mary of Bristol, from 8 Sept. 1652 to 30 April 1653 - -	122, 123
" "	Thos. Raye, Mayor of *Salisbury.*	Rich. Hutchinson	Desires payment of a bill of 300*l.* for disbursements for Dutch prisoners and sick and wounded men sent to Salisbury.	124
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	On the petition of Sarah widow of Robt. Jolles, boatswain of the Foresight, slain in the late engagement, allowed her 10*l.*, but as she has two children and an aged mother, recommend her for a further gratuity of 20*l.* With order 2 May granting it.	125, 126

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1653.				Vol. 51.
Apr. 30	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Ask whether the Wildman, a fire-ship belonging to Vice Adm. Penn's squadron, which has been much damaged by being run into in the Downs, shall be repaired or paid off.	127
" "	Adm. Com. -	NavyComrs	Order that the Wildman's men be removed into the Cock at Dover, and that the Generals say what is to be done with the ship.	128
" "	" - -	"	Order that they take care that the State receives no prejudice in their right to the wood on which an information has been sent.	129
" 31 (*sic*).	Ralph Grundy, *Guinea, Sole Bay.*	"	Particulars of musters of the Guinea. Wants stores. His company think it long until they meet with the Holland fleet, and desire either another encounter, or a neighbourlike union with them.	130
April?	John Waterlow and six others.	Adm. Com.	Recommend John Rivley for a master's place in one of the frigates now building - -	131
"	——	—	List of 11 ships with number of men and soldiers in the Hope, and of 10 between there and Woolwich, with the names of the captains.	132
"	——	—	List of 30 pressed seamen of co. Gloucester ordered to appear at Deptford this month - -	133
"	Col. Thomson -	—	Note of allowances to be made to the widows of seven captains named slain while in the service, from 400*l.* to 1,000*l.* each.	134
"	Adm. Com. -	NavyComrs	Order to use their utmost diligence to despatch the ships out of the river - - - -	135
"	Thos. White -	Geo. Payler	Thanks for his civilities to a stranger, and begs preferment by sea or shore - - -	136
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May 1	John Poortmans, *Resolution, Dungeness.*	Robt. Blackborne	Forgot to give notice of the fleet's departure from Portsmouth, and conjunction with Vice-Admiral Penn. Encloses a letter for his brother and a power of attorney for Capt. Heaton of the Saphire to receive 1,000*l.* from the navy treasurer for the fleet.	1
" "	T. Lawes, *Resolution, Ness.*	"	General Deane returns thanks for his intelligence, and despatching his letter to Sir Hen. Vane	2
" "	Jno. Fowler, *Resolution.*	"	Asks him to forward an enclosure to his son, residing with Mr. Warner in King Street, and to remember him to Mr. Coytmor.	3
" 2	David Catts, *Dover.*	Navy Comrs	Desires they will write Mr. Greene to enter him as lieutenant on board the Cock, by virtue of his commission, as she will be ready to sail when manned.	4
" "	Navy Victuallers, *London.*	"	Cannot contract for the 900 tons of water casks unless they can have the pipe-staves on board the Swedish ships.	5
" "	John Miller, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gunner's place on board the Katherine prize at Woolwich, having served many years. With certificate by John Hosier and three others.	6, 7
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	To hasten cables and anchors for the London, Ferdinando, and other merchant ships taken up -	8
" "	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Asks whether to contract for purchase of some hemp and iron formerly mentioned, as the merchants require an answer. Has provided a ship to carry provisions to the fleet.	9
" "	" " -	Adm. Com.	Four convoys have arrived for Scotland; has sent one of them, the Weymouth Pink, to fetch two vessels from Lynn, for which 50*l.* must be paid on her return; will ship the 100 barrels of powder on board of her, and send to Harwich for 20 more.	10

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1653. May 2	Robert Agar and other officers of the *Seven Brothers, Hope.*	—	Certificate that the fish on board stank, and was unfit to eat, and that there is a want of almost all other necessaries; with note by Edw. Bellamy, that he gave a warrant to Mr. Lucas for 80 lbs. of beef on 11 April, and if it was kept until the 19th without being looked to, it would stink, but the fish was good; also certificate of Robt. Manley and Thos. Wilson, that they surveyed the fish, and found them of full size, and fit for sea victualling.	Vol. 52. 11
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	[Adm. Comrs.]	The Generals took the 100 men on board from the Old Warwick and Bryar, and the ships are now tallowing. Sends a list of ships that sailed with the Generals, who were pretty well manned, but cannot give an account of their victualling, as the victuallers say their masters have ordered them to give no accounts to anyone. Asks an order as to purchasing for the use of the navy the ladings of two Swedish ships sent in, and directions to the navy treasurer to give his instrument here orders to pay bills exceeding 5*l.*, so as to prevent the holders coming to London. The Lily has arrived with 90 men, who will be sent in the Advice to the fleet with two fire-ships, and the Mermaid, Portsmouth, and Falmouth sail to-morrow.	12
" "	" " -	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of the lading of two Swedish ships, sent in by the Generals; asks whether to give bills of exchange asked for by the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods, for prize ships and goods ordered to be delivered into the navy stores; begs them to hasten down Mr. Poortmans with the money for pay of the yard.	13
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth Pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in by command of Capt. Allen, and is now ordered by Major Burton to go to Lynn, and convoy two vessels laden with ammunition for the Thames.	14
" "	Thos. Greene, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Sends account of bills drawn on the navy treasurer, amounting to 600*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* Hopes to get the Cock out this spring-tide, but men are wanting. The Generals with about 100 men-of-war have passed by the Goodwin Sands.	15
" "	Adm. Com. -	"	Order to supply the Swan and 10th Whelp, now at Newcastle, with as much victuals as they can receive, at Newcastle or Yarmouth.	16
" 3	" " -	"	Order to allow 200*l.* to Peter Pett, Navy Commissioner, for journeying charges in setting forth the fleet to sea.	17
" "	" " -	"	Order to allow 20*l.* above the 10*l.* already paid, to Susanna, widow of Wm. Peters, midshipman in the Sussex, who died of wounds in the late engagement, she having four children.	18
" "	A. Stratton -	"	Contract for hire of the William and Elizabeth, 280 tons, for six months, at 75*l.* a month -	19
" "	——— *Chatham* -	Thos. Smith.	Has demanded 30 bales of canvas by order of Mr. Pett for Mr. Ellis to make sails with, which will be delivered.	20
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has despatched the Lily with 100 men, since which many have been impressed in Cornwall by Mr. Mill, but want shipping to send them away. Falmouth will be the best place to send the Bryar and Warwick to for that purpose.	21

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May 3	Capt. Limbery, *Deal*	Adm. Com.	Went on board the Generals at Dover with Major Bourne to see as to the victualling, but the Dutch fleet of 70 sail being 7 or 8 leagues off the Texel, it was resolved by a Council of War to steer towards them, and they accordingly set sail, so that little could be effected.	22
„ 4	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Has been on board several of the ships in the Hope, but they are poorly manned, except the Dolphin which has 41 out of 56, and the Unicorn her full number of 300, but 30 are at London.	23
„ „	Wm. Brandley, *Essex Frigate.*	„	Recommends Jeremy Country as lieutenant of the Essex, the person who has received a warrant being neglectful and inexperienced.	24
„ „	Capt. John Baskett, *Cowes Castle.*	Gens. Deane and Monck.	Has pressed all of Capt. Skinner's men, but as he is ordered to bring his prize to London, lent him four, and desires if they be pressed that order may be given for their release.	25
„ 5	Robt. Stapylton -	Major Salwey.	Recommends Thurston Read as steward or clerk of the check in a frigate just launched, as his father died in the service.	26
„ „	Generals Rich. Deane and Geo. Monck, *Resolution.*	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn.*	To convoy the ships now with him and the victualling ships bound to the fleet, as far as the Humber, and if he meets the northern guard with 250 barrels of powder from Scarborough, to take it on board.	27
„ „	Thomas Greene, *Dover.*	Navy Com^rs	The Golden Cock has sailed to the Downs, and the John Baptist to the fleet. Has directed the victuallers to provide four months' victuals for 160 men for the former, and six months' for 30 men for the latter. Desires orders as to fitting out the Wildman fire-ship, and buying 30 tons of rosin.	28
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Has just returned from the Hope, where there are 10 ships including a victualler. There are also eight ships named in the river bound there; as their captains have not come on board, desires they may be hastened down, as also their provisions; will not leave until they arrive.	29
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	On the petition of Katherine widow of Thos. Bratheredge, late master of the Triumph, slain in the engagement, find he served in her from 7 March 1650 until she was cast away, being eight months and two weeks, and that 32*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* is due to him. With order for payment accordingly.	30, 31
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Has contracted for 20 masts at 12*l.*, and 42 at 13*l.* each, and for 4,500 and 3,000 Swedish red deals 7*l.* per hundred.	32
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	„	A ketch being wanted for special service, asks whether the two ketches ordered to be taken up are ready to sail, or if the one lately sent over to Holland may be contracted for.	33
„ „	Thos. Greene, *Dover*	Adm. Com.	The Golden Cock has sailed to the Downs, and the John Baptist to the fleet. Asks orders as to fitting out the Wildman fire-ship and victualling the two former.	34
„ „	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Is hastening the victualling ship, but the beer had to be brewed; is dependent upon the agent. Received their letter to appoint a steward according to instructions, but these were not enclosed. A vessel of 300 tons can be hired; asks what they allow a month. Has brought the hemp at 44*s.* 6*d.* per cwt. and given a bill on the treasurer for 400*l.* Asks a warrant to receive the men from the prize; there are no others to be had, all have been sent away by press or as volunteers. Private men ask 50*l.* a month, and men will not let their ships for a short time.	35

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May 5	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Sent the packet to the Generals on the coast of Holland. Will direct Capt. Wilkinson to ship the 20 barrels of powder at Harwich for Yarmouth. Sends an information just brought by John Andrews from the fleet. Capt. Dan. Morgan of the John and Katherine is waiting in the road for orders.	36
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to say why the Advantage has lain so long since the last fight, and is not yet fitted out -	37
„ 6	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	Can give no account of the delay of the Advantage; she has been rigged, and is in the hands of the shipwright, who is best able to give satisfaction.	38
„ „	———	—	Note that the Elizabeth of London from St. Malo has 81 bales of canvas belonging to Messrs. Hubland, Lardell and others.	39
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Recovery, Humber.*	Adm.Com.	Particulars of ships convoyed. Has sent the Weymouth Pink to Lynn, to convoy the two vessels with ammunition to the Thames.	40
„ „	Geo. Strange -	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks assistance in procuring him the command of a ship, having long waited upon promise of the warrant.	41
„ „	Prize Comrs. -	Navy Com^rs	Desire that no more certificates may be sent to them, until they have money upon account of the tenths to pay them; this was promised on the 29th ulto. but the enclosed certificate was brought to them yesterday dated 29 April.	42
„ „	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Asks an order to the victuallers to hasten down the provisions, so that he may sail. Wants 50 men.	43
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Recommend Mary widow of Wm. Straw of the Prosperous for 25*l.* besides the 10*l.* already granted. With order accordingly.	44, 45
„ 7	Capt. Edm. Chapman, *Cock, Downs.*	„	Has most of the stores and guns on board, but their carriages will require altering, being too high for the ports, and 100 men are wanting. Hopes to be ready by Friday.	46
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Recovery, Humber.*	„	Received from Capt. Wilkes, who has come in with his convoy of colliers, their order to sail for the Thames, but conceiving the 13 ships under his charge for Scotland are of more concernment, and having but three men-of-war, has thought it best to see them to their destination; desires further orders at Leith.	47
„ „	Robt. Fuller, *Cignet, Bullock Road, Dublin Bar.*	Navy Com^rs	Has delivered, as ordered by the Generals, some money at Scilly, and Sir Hardress Waller's goods at Dublin; the Nightingale brought his children; is now ordered by the Commissioners here to Capt. Sparling in the old President at Kinsale, and to lie between there and Cork.	48
„ „	Capt. John Wetwang, *Sparrow, Burlington Bay.*	Major Salwey.	Took two Holland freebooters and put his own men on board, but Capt. Mould subsequently turned his men out of one of them, plundered her, and then towed her away for Lynn, turning off his men at Filey. Hopes he shall not be wronged of his rights. Has delivered the other prize to Mr. Bower of Burlington, as also an inventory.	49
„ „	St. J. Steventon -	—	Account of men pressed and entered on board the ships at Portsmouth, as also wages paid and owing to the shipwrights there, leaving a balance of 3,687*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* to be paid.	50, 51
„ „	Capt. Jno. Humphrey, *Nightingale, Holyhead.*	—	Arrived at Dublin the 31st ult., and chased two men-of-war half a day but without effect. Has orders to ply between St. David's Head, Holyhead, and Dublin, for 8 or 10 days.	52

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May 8	Dr. Wm. Stephens, *Doctor's Commons.*	Robt. Thomson.	Recommends his kinsman, Giles Thorneburgh for the command of the Sun - - -	53
„ „	Wm. Hockett and six others.	—	Complain of John Wallis, boatswain of the Unity, for neglect of duty, drunkenness, embezzlement, and profanity, by which he sets a bad example to all on board.	54
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in with two vessels with ammunition, one with beef and pork, and two with fish for the fleet, and will sail with the first wind for the Thames. Has but 12 days' victuals, and the ship is very foul.	55
„ 9	Edm. Harvey and Dan. Taylor, Customs' officers, *London.*	Navy Com^rs	Gave order for the despatch of their business, but Mr. Lenthall refuses to pass the letter for the excise; and as an obstruction must of necessity ensue, they must take some speedy course for removing it.	56
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Yarmouth.*	„	Seen the coal fleet into Yarmouth Roads, as also 14 vessels from Hull to London; on the way, took two small men-of-war, and a dogger pink. The Recovery, Greyhound, and Wren are in the Humber; sent them order to convoy the ships bound northward as far as Newcastle, and then ply between there and Yarmouth. Met a squadron of our frigates, with some fire-ships, seeking our fleet. The 10th Whelp wants victualling. Has got the 228 barrels of powder from Scarborough, and will receive 100 barrels more from Yarmouth or Harwich.	57
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	58
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to put the water for the fleet on board the Concord, if it will be sent with more expedition than on the ship already ordered.	59
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to contract with the navy victuallers for 1,200 more casks of water for the fleet from London, Harwich, Yarmouth, Hull, Newcastle and Leith, where they can be soonest provided, and take up vessels to carry it, impresting sums needful therefor.	60
„ „	Jas. Perrott, *Malden.*	„	The floor of the frigate is laid, but cannot get any redress concerning the bad timber, and desires a survey.	61
„ „	——	„	Note of masts and deals on board the Swan and Golden Falcon of Gottenburg - - -	62
„ 10	Capt. Peter Strong, *Hope, Unicorn.*	Adm. Com.	Is victualled and ready for sea, and more laden than he wished for, but will make as clear a ship as he can for a fight. Most of the merchant ships want men. Begs that their commanders may be sent down, so that they may drop down to the Lee Road, and get fitted with men so as to be ready for service.	63
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett -	Navy Com^rs	The Admiralty Committee desire a speedy provision of topmasts, yards, &c. to be put on board the Concord, and sent to the fleet, according to Major Bourne's letter.	64
„ „	Jonas Shish -	„	Valuation of Swedish masts planks and deals - - - - - - -	65
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Has drawn up his accounts, and finds he is engaged to pay 750*l.* on the navy account, and has therefore drawn a bill for 700*l.*, and desires it may be paid. Is coming to London and will bring his accounts with him. The Lily has come to fetch more men for the fleet, of which there are 80 lately pressed. The Bryar and Warwick should go to Falmouth to take in 200 more. Mr. Mill has pressed them thereabouts and wants more money.	66

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May 10	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Expected the Bryar and Warwick to ship 200 men near Falmouth, and knows not how to send them. There is no other ship in port bound eastward, except a private man-of-war and her prize, and four from the Canaries.	67
" "	J. B[lackborne] *Plymouth.*	"	Has had a conference with Mr. and Mrs. Strelley; asks his assistance; she is worth 700*l.*, but it must be done by consent of her father; and if necessary, has yet power to quench all such fires. Also desires he will look over his Plymouth accounts, as he only remembers receiving 5*l.* from Mr. Strelley and not 15*l.*	68
" "	Jacob Jacobson, *London.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Account and prices of masts, palms, &c. in the King David and Emanuel of Gottenburg at Portsmouth, the State paying the excise and customs.	69, 70
" 11	Thomas Greene, *Dover.*	"	Sends account of bills drawn upon the treasurer, and payable to the Mayor of Canterbury for goods purchased, total 175*l.* and desires they may be paid.	71
" "	John Dymock, *Dock.*	Capt. Fras. Willoughby.	Sends account of canvas, sails, cordage, &c. in the stores, and desires those for the four ships in hand may be hastened down.	72
" "	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Will observe their orders as to the rigging for the frigates. The Spanish iron is not sold yet, and will have the nay say of it. One of the victuallers has sailed with provisions, and the second will be ready shortly.	73
" "	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Went with Commissioner Pett and Capt. Wildey into the Lee Road, to get men and despatch ships; heard there were 200 colliers in the Swinn, and wrote to Commissioner Pett to send to Shoeburyness, to prevent the men going on shore. If five men were taken out of each, there would be enough for the fleet. There are also some Hull ships who are well provided, and could spare a few.	74
" "	Adm. Com.	"	Desire a survey of the provisions put on board the Portland and of her ballast, and how much she and the Essex, Newcastle, and Hampshire can carry. Also to hasten the victuallers and the supplying of the Concord with water.	75
" 12	Capt. Jno. Limbery	Adm. Com.	Opened their letter to Major Bourne, as he had gone for London, and communicated the contents to Capt. Badiley. Will supply his fleet with what may be required.	76
" "	Prize Comrs. -	"	Send order of the Navy Committee of 3 November 1652, allowing 6*d.* or 7*d.* a day for each prisoner sent on board any of the State's ships by Admiral Blake, upon production of the necessary vouchers; but now having received orders not to pay any more such bills without acquainting them, ask directions.	77, 78
" "	Edm. Chapman, *Cock, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks for a surgeon and his mate and chest; will be ready to sail on Saturday - -	79
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Recommend Ann, widow of Thos. Archer, boatswain's mate of the Victory, slain in the late engagement for a gratuity of 15*l.*, having allowed her 10*l.*	80

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May 12	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Recommend Mary, widow of John Coppin, boatswain's mate of the Entrance, for 15*l.* relief for herself and three children.	81
" "	Wm. White, *Dolphin, Lee Road.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks whether they will take a 21 years' lease of a house built by his father, Peter White, at Deal, for a hospital, at 40*l.* a year. His father gave 800*l.* for it, and left it to his widow for life with remainder to him, but as his [step]-mother owes him 240*l.*, she will neither surrender nor let the house, fearing he will secure the rent.	82
" "	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	The beer for the victuallers is not yet ready, but they contract at such a low rate that the brewers cannot live by it, although there is no other place can brew or bake so much in a week. Has freighted a ship to carry water to the fleet, but will forbear taking up any more until further order. The victuallers' men want protection from press.	83
" "	Robert Drew, *Wren, Berwick Bay.*	"	Having received orders from Capt. Allen and Vice-Admiral Penn, has convoyed the laden ships to the northward, as also those for Hull, but was forced to engage a surgeon, or his men would not have gone; paid him 5*l.* for his chest. Desires they will repay 11*l.* to Capt. Alderne received of Mr. Wells, for the victuallers. Has 14 sail under his convoy for Scotland.	84
" "	Peter Ellis, *Chatham Dock.*	Thos. Smith, Navy Comr.	Asks a supply of canvas for the stores, but the sails should be made at Chatham. The Reserve has come in, and will want a whole suit.	85
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Recommend Thomazin, widow of Geo. Bishop, master of the Dragon, slain in the late engagement for 40*l.* having already allowed her 10*l.* for herself and four children.	86
" "	" - -	"	Recommend Bridget, widow of John Foot, midshipman of the Fairfax, for 25*l.*, having already allowed her 10*l.*	87
" "	Robert Thompson, *Cock, Bearbinder Lane.*	[R. Blackborne.]	Recommends the bearer a kinsman for employment as a purser - - - - -	88
" "	Capt. Edm. Chapman, *Cock, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	As all the provisions and ammunition will be on board by Saturday, and he then ready to sail, desires his commission and instructions.	89
" "	S. Blackmore, *Portsmouth.*	—	Certificate that he did not pay for the quarters of Hen. Cadman, a sick man sent on shore, as they were paid by his father, who was then lying on shore wounded.	90
" "	Richard Freeman, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The victualling and water ships for the fleet are nearly laden, but want casks. The ammunition will be on board Capt. Morgan's ship to-night, but there are 20 barrels at Harwich not yet arrived. Delivered the press warrant to Major Burton, and he and the bailiffs will do their best to get men. The collier fleet went by nearly a week since, but none of their men came on shore.	91
" "	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Shipped 120 barrels of powder which came from Scarborough and Harwich, on board the John and Katherine, and Capt. Wilkes has 200; will ship the remainder to-morrow. Will do his best with the bailiffs for pressing men, but believes it will be little use, as most of the men are already in the service, and none can be had to man the victuallers; the beer is to brew when it should be taken in.	92

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May 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to survey the Satisfaction, Hester, and Sun, now in the river, and order their fitting if serviceable.	93
" "	" -	"	Order to make out a bill for 20*l.* to Hugh Hughes, for service as usher to the Admiralty Chambers, from 4 Dec. to 12 May.	94
" 13	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have given Elizabeth, widow of Henry Howleman late quartermaster of the Providence, slain in the late engagement, 10*l.* and recommend her for 10*l.* more for herself and three small children.	95
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Appointed several ships to be paid up to the last of Dec., but a few days after, the captains gave tickets to their men for the rest of their wages, which have since been signed and paid. Desires they will prevent this for the future, as it will prejudice the service, particularly where men should be turned from one ship to another.	96
" "	Capt. Thos. Cheney, *Culpeper, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has got 34 guns on board and most of the provisions, and will sail in four hours, but wants men. Asks leave to go to Aldborough to get his clothes, &c. Wishes to convoy the colliers between Newcastle and Harwich.	97
" "	Capt. John Wetwang, *Sparrow, Lee Road.*	Navy Com^rs	Convoyed the coal fleet to Lee Road. Took two small Holland men-of-war, but Capt. Mould has carried the largest to Lynn, as his prize, and thus wronged him and the State also. Has spared 14 of his men for the ships in the road, and will press as many as he can for them.	98
" "	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Lee Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has got one anchor on board, and is ready to sail for Harwich, but has been detained by the weather, and the merchant ships, who are destitute of provisions and men.	99
" "	" -	"	Capt. Eaton of the Phœnix having seen a fleet of Hollanders which came from the Texel on Tuesday, has considered it prudent to cast anchor 10 miles off Harwich; if he has no orders respecting the victuallers, will sail to Yarmouth.	100
" "	Arthur White, postmaster, *Gravesend.*	Major Rich. Salwey.	Asks what to do with a packet sent for Capt. Strong of the Unicorn, he having sailed - -	101
" "	Col. R. Overton, *Hull.*	Navy Com.	Sends a letter from some captains of ships in Bridlington Bay, that they will come to Hull to take in powder and men. There is a great want of seamen; has sent to York and other places for them. Has furnished Mr. Wells, the victualler, with 28, and hopes to make up 60 from the garrisons at York, Scarborough, Burlington, Whitby, Selby, Gainsborough, &c. Asks for a supply of powder. Will forward their letter to the Generals of the fleet.	102
" "	Marmaduke Woodhouse, *Kingston-upon-Hull.*	Anth. Wells for Navy Com.	Contract for the Unity of Hull, 45 tons, to carry provisions to the fleet at 24*l.* a month. With receipt by Elizabeth Woodhouse for 12*l.* for her husband.	103, 104
" "	James Blaides, *Kingston-upon-Hull.*	"	Contract for the Supply of Hull, 120 tons, to carry provisions to the fleet at 50*l.* a month -	105
" 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	To send an able and active person with commission for impressing seamen in ships that have come into Bristol, for the fleet at Portsmouth and in the river; as Capt. Grumwell is going down to pay off his ship, they may obtain his men.	106

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1653. May 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Desire they will hasten the two victualling ships to the fleet, their masters not being on board they could not go with Capt. Strong. They are to go under convoy of the Sparrow or the Swan and Tenth Whelp, and to join him at the Humber or Newcastle. Also to hasten the captains of the merchant ships on board, and summon two of them to appear before the Committee for neglect of duty. With list of 19 ships and their commanders, and note of which are gone to sea.	Vol. 52. 107, 108
,, ,,	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Will convoy the victualling ships at Harwich when they are ready, which Mr. Stratton, the victualler, promises in four or five days.	109
,, ,,	Thos. Greene -	Navy Com[rs]	Asks for payment of a bill of 30*l.* drawn upon the Treasurer of the Navy in favour of Mr. Raven.	110
,, ,,	Comrs. of Customs, *Custom House.*	Adm. Com.	Send copy of a letter sent by them to Alderman Dawson, collector of Customs at Newcastle, to take up 1,000*l.* upon his own credit, for furnishing the fleet with necessaries, and charge it by bill upon the Navy Treasurer.	111, 112
,, ,,	William Barnes, Collector of Customs, *Dartmouth.*	,,	Sent out a vessel to discover what ships pass up and down the Channel; the Warwick, Bryer, and Success with two prizes have left Falmouth, and are bound for Portsmouth.	113
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order that the Phœnix be sent to Chatham to be cleaned, and then fall down to the Swinn to be paid off with the rest of the Straits' fleet.	114
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order that needful victuals be put on board the Swan and Tenth Whelp now in the Hope, to fit them for present service.	115
,, ,,	John Makernes, *Barnstaple.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for procuring him employment in the Customs, but asks for something more remunerative, and for leave of absence to go to Spalding on his own business when Mr. Tucker returns. Private affairs.	116
,, ,,	Major Jno. Wade, *Gloucester.*	Robt. Thomson and Edw. Hopkins.	Sends list of men impressed for the navy, and asks for a supply of money to defray expenses -	117
,, 15	Capt. John Wetwang, *Sparrow, Hope.*	Adm. Com[r].	Has received the Concord into his charge, given her three men, and will sail to-morrow. Has put nine pressed men on board Capt. Taylor, and 14 on other ships.	118
,, 16	Capt. Wm. Taylor, *Newcastle.*	,,	Has pressed several seamen and shipped them away, but three whose names are sent have run for London, after receiving press and conduct money, as also five out of 10 pilots impressed, but has three of the latter in prison.	119
,, ,,	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, off Harwich.*	,,	Has sent to Harwich to hasten the victuallers, and will sail with them to Yarmouth and the Humber as soon as ready.	120

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1653.				Vol. 52.
May 16	Capt. Hen. Eden, *Phœnix, Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in by order of the Generals, having sprung a leak. Had 40 of his men taken to supply the Triumph and Speaker, and the Rear-Admiral of the Red had 20 barrels of his powder and 100 shot. Wants men and ammuhition.	121
,, ,,	,, -	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	122
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Chapman, *Cock, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting for the provisions and stores from Dover, which have been detained by foul weather; wants 40 men. The Drake has sailed with her convoy from Hull to Dunkirk. The Hart frigate, formerly belonging to the commonwealth, is plying off Rye, and stops trade.	123
,, ,,	St. J. Steventon -	[Navy Comrs.]	Account of 53 men pressed at Barnstaple, Lyme and Bridgwater, and entered on the State's ships in Portsmouth harbour since 7 May.	124
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Has been down with Capt. Wildey to the Hope, and ordered all the shipping to fall down to Lee Road and take in their men. Asks whether he shall put them into sea victuals or keep them in petty warrant. Wants orders to relieve some sick men put on shore.	125
,, ,,	James Perrott, *Maldon.*	Major Thomson.	Desires a surveyor may be sent down to view the ship building, as there is much bad timber, and the builder threatens him for interfering.	126
,, ,,	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Will hasten the laying of the cordage as it is spun, and observe their orders as to water and coals for the victualling ships. Asks whether to contract for another victualler.	127
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne	Capt. Strong has not yet arrived, but will deliver him his letter when he comes. Two of the victuallers and one with water are nearly ready, but there are few men to press. Our fleet has been seen towards the N.N.W., and the Flemish fleet 10 leagues off of them.	128
,, ,,	John Lee, Mayor, *Canterbury.*	—	List of 112 Dutch sick and wounded prisoners who received medical aid between 4 March and 25 April; cost 32*l.* 12*s.* Recommends John Wren, physician, for his zeal and pains therein.	129
,, ,,	Fras. Stiles - -	Navy Com^rs	Petition for the cook's place on board the Adam and Eve, having served in the Dolphin, Assurance, and other ships, and been valiant in engagements; with certificate of Capt. Wm. Coppin in his favour.	130, 131
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,, 17	Capt. Robert Sansum and Wm. Godfrey, *Bryar, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	As they find no men to take in at Plymouth, are going to Falmouth, to take in such as have been pressed, and will bring them to Portsmouth.	1
,, ,,	William Rowe, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks for a protection from impress for the crew of the Margaret and Martha of Ipswich, engaged to carry biscuit to the army in Scotland.	2
,, ,,	John Blundell -	—	Account of victuals necessary for 16,500 men for two months - - - - -	3
,, ,,	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The victualling ships at Harwich are not yet ready, as there are neither victuals, masters, nor men; shall therefore sail for Yarmouth with those he has under convoy. The beer stinks already; the beef and pork is cut so small that it is a shame to see it, and there are no necessaries for sick and wounded.	4

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1653. May 17	Capt. Stephen Harrison, *Hull.*	Anth. Wells, agent for the Navy Comrs.	Contract for the hire of the Anne Frances of Hull, 60 tons, to carry victuals to the fleet at 25*l.* a month.	Vol. 53. 5
" "	Rich. Freeman, *Merchants' Arms, Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the shipping of powder and other provisions on board the ships at Yarmouth, &c., also of the pressing of mariners of which there are very few. Col. Overton has been very active and pressed 80, but they are mostly watermen and boys.	6
" 18	Capt. Edm. Chapman, *Cock, Downs.*	"	Is waiting for orders, having all on board. Received instructions from Capt. Badiley, but as he was ordered to the Thames, they were withdrawn.	7
" "	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^rs^	To order a gratuity to the bearer for bringing a packet from Capt. Strong at Harwich - -	8
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Plover, Tynemouth Bar.*	Adm. Com^rs^	Has been plying between Yarmouth and Tynemouth with the Unity and Sparrow, by order of Capt. Wilkes. Ordered the Sparrow, after she has received the powder at Harwich and delivered it at Tynemouth, to call at Wells, Lynn Deeps, and other places, to convoy merchant ships northwards; sent the Unity from Flamborough Head with 100 laden colliers southward, and went himself with eight northward. Expects a laden fleet to come forth daily, and will convoy them to Yarmouth. Wants victuals.	9
" "	Capt. William Wildey, *Gravesend.*	"	Has been on board the ships at Lee and the Hope, but they have not got the men expected out of the colliers, as Capt. Strong of the Unicorn and his fleet had taken them before they came up. Sends a list of the men on the ships below; desires a convoy for the victuallers to the fleet.	10
" "	Thomas Meech -	—	Account of provisions in the outstores at Chatham - - - - - - -	11
" "	S. Chellingworth, *Essex frigate.*	Mr. Sprigg, Victualling Office.	The frigate, having taken in her guns, swims so deep that the captain and master do not approve of taking in more than three months' victuals and beer.	12
" 19	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Think 10*l.* each besides the 8*l.* already received is as little as can be given to Elizabeth Jennings and Thomasine Huntress, for the loss of their husbands in the late engagement.	13
" "	Capt. Thomas Keyser, *Dundee.*	Navy Com^rs^	The Recovery, Greyhound, and Wren, have come in as convoy to some other ships; disbursed 16*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* in supplies for them, and desires payment to Capt. Wildey.	14
" "	Col. Barkstead and three others.	Adm. Com.	Recommend Mr. Hatton as a lieutenant at sea, having so served from 1642 to 1651, but was dismissed on the reduction of the garrison of Jersey.	15
" "	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *Greyhound, Dundee Road.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has tallowed and put the Greyhound in a proper state, and Capt. Keyser having given him credit for 4*l.* 19*s.* disbursed for necessaries, has drawn bills for it and desires payment.	16

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May 19	Capt. Robert Wyard, *Adventure, Shields.*	Adm.Com.	Has convoyed the fleet to Scotland, and some to Inverness, and been along the Scotch coast assisting Capt. Yates in getting men, but they run up the country on sight of the ships. Has brought several ships to Tynemouth Haven from Inverness, and is waiting a wind for London.	17
" "	Capt. Barth. Yate, *Falcon, Tynemouth Haven.*	"	There are 80 colliers in the haven, which he will convoy to the Thames with the first wind, but they want men; will procure them if possible.	18
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Captain Morgan has sailed with the powder, and a hoy with shot, and the victuallers are ready with provisions and water for the fleet. Asks an order to contract for another victualler.	19
" "	Capt. Sam. Lane, *Plover, Tynemouth Bar.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends muster books and desires order for re-victualling, having many supernumeraries on board -	20
" "	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Nicodemus, Lee Road.*	Adm.Com.	Has been to Dunkirk with three convoys, and returned with seven laden with pitch, tar, and hemp for the State, and awaits orders.	21
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	22
" "	Christ. Hilsonne, *Scarborough.*	Adm.Com.	Asks directions as to the disposal of the Tergoe of Rotterdam, taken by Capt. John King of the Mermaid, who being ordered to the fleet, directed him to bring her into Yarmouth, but he was driven into Scarborough, where he is much molested by Rich. Dighton, a prize officer.	23
" "	Capt. Robt. Drew, *Dundee.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends account of Capt. Thos. Keyser for 2*l.* 9*s.* for necessaries supplied to the Wren, when repaired and tallowed, and desires the bills may be paid.	24, 25
" "	Wm. Greaves and three other shipbuilders.	"	Ask payment of the second instalment due for building the Speaker and Kentish, otherwise will not be able to proceed with the works, being deeply engaged to tradesmen and workmen.	26
" 20	Henry Crispe -	Jno. Thurloe.	Asks him to procure an order for payment of a bill of exchange for 1,000*l.* drawn by the Resident at Hamburg upon the Council of State. With note by Thurloe, referring him to the Admiralty Committee.	27
" "	Rich. Freeman, *Merchants' Arms, Hull.*	Adm.Com.	Has nearly laded the victualling and water-ships for the fleet, and is taking up others; has shipped victuals and men on ships named, and is endeavouring to procure more.	28
" "	Justinian Peard, *Plymouth.*	Capt. Hen. Hatsell.	Recommends Mrs. Skinn, whose husband was slain in the Dragon, for relief. She incurred a debt of 40*l.* in redeeming her husband from slavery in Sally, and would have been arrested for 15*l.* had he not become bail. Encloses certificate of the captain of the Dragon and others.	29
" "	Jonas Dell, clerk of the check on the *Defence, Yarmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Particulars of his ship, which wants provisions, stores, and men - - - - -	30
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	Sends similar account - - - - - - - - - -	31
" "	Dr. Dan. Whistler -	Adm.Com.	Certificate that John Preston has acted as his apothecary to the sick and wounded seamen at Portsmouth from March 6 to May 14th, and superintended the transfer of the drugs, &c. from London.	32

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May 20	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Sole Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Has already complained of the negligence of the victuallers at Harwich, and must now complain of that of the Mayor and bailiffs there and at Ipswich, with respect to public letters; their love is not so much as one might receive from a stranger.	33
" "	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to allow Capt. Toope his charges in bringing up four Dutch prisoners, by order from the Generals.	34
" "	" -	"	Order to take up ships at reasonable rates to carry victuals to the fleet - - - -	35
" "	" -	"	Order to imprest 20*l.* to Lieut. John Scott for impressing mariners in Harwich, Ipswich, and Yarmouth.	36
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	[Navy Comrs.]	The Advantage is out of dock, and ready for her provisions. Sent the account of Thos. Turner for ballasting the Portland on the 13th.	37
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm.Com.	Have ordered 10*l.* for Marg. Hayward, but as the Generals have certified that her husband served as a Reformado, she deserves 20*l.* more.	38
" "	Rich. Dermott, *Liverpool.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends muster book of the Truelove, which has been fitted and victualled, and ordered to convoy some ordnance for London. The Primrose has gone home, and the Cardiff has taken in the treasure at Chester, and sailed for Dublin. The Marigold is at Galloway, waiting to convoy the Tories for Flanders.	39
" 21	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	As the ships in the Lee Road will be soon despatched, and have already broken their sea store, will not put them into petty warrant. A prize with salt has come in, and reports that she was one of 200 sail of French ships with seven men-of-war as convoy, and that our fleet could not possibly miss them.	40
" "	Thos. Greene -	"	Bought the 35 tons of black rosin at 10*l.* per ton free of customs. The Wildman is much disabled by the late disaster. Desires order as to the stores on board and what officers are to be allowed. Sends the muster books of the John Baptist and Cock.	41
" "	Henry Nicholson, *Scarborough.*	Anth. Wells for Navy Comrs.	Contract for the hire of the Primrose of Scarborough 80 tons, at 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per month - -	42
" "	Rich. Wood, *Kingston-upon-Hull.*	"	Contract for hire of the Unity of Hull, 180 tons, at 80*l.* a month. With receipt by Wood for 160*l.*	43, 44
" "	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Yarmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Got into the roads with much hazard, having lost his mizen mast, and had a bad pilot. There is much grumbling on account of the badness of the provisions, and the merchantmen are ill provided. Will convoy the victuallers out with the first wind.	45
" "	Rich. Freeman, *Hull*	Rich. Creed	Is lading another victualler for the fleet, and hopes to have her ready by the time Capt. Strong arrives. Sends two letters to Mr. Fowler, Commissary to the Lord General, living in the Cockpit, and to Mr. Pidcock, messenger.	46
" "	Navy Victuallers -	Adm.Com.	Send account of 24 ships contracted for to carry provisions to the fleet, with abstract of the conditions on which they are to serve.	47

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1653. May 21	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make a bill for 50*l.* to John Haslelock, surgeon, for attending to cure Gen. Blake of wounds received in the last engagement.	Vol. 53. 48
„ 22	Anth. Robins, *West Chester.*	Robt. Blackborne	Has stayed the Truelove to convoy some ordnance and ammunition to London - - -	49
„ „	Thomas Bassett, *Tilbury Hope.*	Major Thomson.	Asks for further orders - - - - - - - - - - -	50
„ „	William Smythson, *Horseydown Shallop.*	Adm.Com.	Convoyed the hoys with gunners' stores to Dover Road. The Nicodemus has carried five or six vessels into Lee Road.	51
„ 23	Capt. Wm. Rouse, *Portland frigate, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm.Com.	Took an Ostender between the Sole and Yarmouth, laden with French and Spanish wine, and has left her with officers at Yarmouth. There was one Englishman on board, who pretends he has bought her, and was taking her home to Boston, but Capt. Strong has sent up the bills of lading and other papers.	52
„ „	„	Robt. Blackborne	To the same effect. Desires if the ship is not cleared, that he will act for him in the Exchequer or elsewhere.	53
„ „	[Capt. Peter Strong] *Unicorn, Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends bill of lading and other papers of a vessel from Ostend, laden with prohibited goods, and desires order as to her disposal; has left her with Major Burton. Will sail to the Humber with the first wind, to convoy the victuallers to the fleet.	54
„ „	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Capt. Strong has arrived in the roads, with the victualling ships and water barks. Has furnished him with 100 hammocks, and will provide him with pilots. The 20 barrels of powder have not yet come from Harwich, but has written Capt. Wright, so that the ships that call for the victuallers may take it.	55
„ „	Capt. Jonathan Taylor, *Defence, Yarmouth Roads.*	Major Robt. Thomson.	Asks payment to his father of the wages due to him, and his 2 servants, for services on board the Consent and the Defence. Wants his steward, having several sick men and not knowing whether he has received the allowance of 6*l.* 10*s.* for every 130 men. Will buy them some fresh provisions at Hull, as it is painful to see them tied to salt in their condition.	56
„ „	Rich. Pratt and six other officers of the *Rainbow, Portsmouth.*	———	Certificate in favour of Herbert Cadman, boatswain for relief, having been wounded in the engagement with the Dutch last February, and still an invalid.	57
„ „	Anth. Robins, *Chester.*	Ordnance officers.	Asks orders as to the disposal of some old arms, shot, &c., not worth the carriage to London, also an order to the lieutenant of Liverpool Castle to allow him to bring away all the ordnance, &c. from the Lord General. The Governor keeps 8 pieces, and has sent some by command to Col. Mackworth, Governor of Shrewsbury. Also that a bill for 20*l.*, had of John Brett, collector of Customs, may be paid to Capt. Hen. Langham.	58

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1653.				Vol. 53.
May 23	Adm. Com., *Whitehall.*	NavyComrs	Desire a survey of the Satisfaction, Hector, and Sun, and despatch of the accounts of Capt. Clarke, as the Reserve is ready for sea.	59
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	Will observe their warrant with reference to the stowage of goods in victualling and other ships, but there is great difficulty in giving exact accounts of what they will carry, from the construction of their holds. As several of the frigates now building are ready to be launched, desires order as to rigging them, and money for contingencies.	60
„ „	Saml. Bull and Wm. Cole, Sub-Comrs. for Prize Goods, *Cowes.*	—	Recommend John Prest, late master of the Sampson, who lost both his arms in the late engagement, and is about to travel to London for relief and cure, to those who have care of the wounded.	61
„ 24	Anth. Robins, *West Chester.*	Ordnance officers.	Asks orders as to shipping some guns and ammunition, Lieut. Colvill of Sir Wm. Constable's regiment having stopped their removal; also what to do with the unserviceable arms, &c.	62
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vesey, *Truelove, Liverpool.*	NavyComrs	Has been taken up by Capt. Robins to convoy some guns for London - - - -	63
„ „	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Has been compelled to procure 300 yards of canvas on credit, to make hammocks for the soldiers who have hitherto lain on the boards. Will sail for the Humber with the first wind, to convoy the victuallers. The beer is so bad that they will have to throw it all overboard; great want of necessaries for the sick and wounded.	64
„ „	Rich. Freeman, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	The victualling and water ships will be laden by to-morrow, and will then have shipped 330 tons of provisions and 200 of water. If Capt. Strong does not arrive by to-morrow, will take up another ship and lade her also. Rich. Darley from York reports that our fleet has brought in 40 sail of Hollanders to Aberdeen, most of them men-of-war.	65
„ „	Col. R. Overton, *Hull.*	NavyComrs	The victualling ships will be ready to-morrow; hopes to make up 200 seamen by the time Capt. Strong arrives.	66
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Ought not to be blamed for the backwardness of the work in the Newcastle frigate since she was launched, as there was more to be done than was expected. Would not receive a penny of the State's money without giving a penny's worth. She will be ready for her victuals by 4 June.	67
„ „	Navy Victuallers -	„	Send estimate of provisions shipped for the fleet, and what will be required up to 1 Oct. next, also an agreement for the hire of colliers to carry the provisions.	68, 69
„ 25	Prize Comrs. -	Geo. Putt, of the *Sampson.*	To deliver a cable and hawser put on board by Capt. Penrose, to be brought to London -	70
„ „	Capt. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Mr. Best, late master of the Sampson, having lost both his hands in the late engagement. Has allowed him 10*l.* for present relief.	71

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1653. May 26	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm.Com.	Has been delayed waiting for the victuallers and a wind, but will sail with his convoy with all expedition, as the charge is great.	Vol. 53. 72
" "	Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	"	Asks for a letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower to order off a number of vessels at Tower wharf, as they interfere with the lading of the victuallers for the fleet.	73
" "	Jno. Taylor, Edw. Stevens, and Rich. Stokes.	NavyComrs	Send particulars of a survey of five frigates building at Malden, Woodbridge, and Yarmouth, and desire a surveyor appointed to oversee the work at Woodbridge, where alterations are needed.	74
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Plover, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm.Com.	Will soon need victualling on account of the overplus of men; was advised by Major Burton to take in a fortnight's victuals and return to his station northwards, but it was hard to get, as the victualler had no orders for it.	75
" "	" "	Navy Comrs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	76
" "	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Dundee.*	"	Sends account of provisions received on board the Recovery from Capt. Keyser, and desires the bills drawn for them may be paid. Will sail for Dunottar with the first wind, and there wait further orders.	77, 78
" "	Walter Oake for Nath. Powell, gunfounder.	"	Asks an order to the Treasurer of the Navy for payment of his first bill for shot and other necessaries delivered into the stores, the second bill being now due.	79
" 27	Admiralty Com. -	—	Order for Manley Callis to succeed the master shipwright's assistant at Deptford and Woolwich, who has resigned.	80
" "	MajorWilliamBurton, *Yarmouth.*	NavyComrs	Particulars of supplies made to Captains Strong and Morgan, and of tar purchased at 32*s.* and 34*s.* per barrel; asks orders as to hiring another ship.	81
" "	Capt. Wm. Brandley, *The Essex, Greenhithe.*	Adm.Com.	Asks payment of his company, as they are in a very discontented state for want of clothes and other necessaries, and the ship ready to sail.	82
" "	Capt. Thos. Keyser, *Dundee.*	Navy Comrs	Asks payment of 9*l.* 19*s.* to Capt. Wildey, for butter, &c. supplied to Capt. Allen - -	83
" "	Capt. Hen. Toope -	Adm.Com.	Sent the six men on board the fire-ship at Newcastle to help her over the Bar, by desire of the Governor of Tynemouth; there was then no commander on board.	84
" "	Jas. Bevon, *Bath* -	"	Asks for 20*l.* to discharge debts incurred while trying to obtain a cure, having had his thigh bone broken off on board the General's ship the Triumph; was two months at Weymouth, and then sent to Bath.	85
" 28	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Ratcliffe.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends particulars of the stations of ships named. Desires to recommend a lieutenant for the Eagle, and asks him to peruse his account and get his quarter's wages paid.	86

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May 28	Peter Harris, clerk of the check, *Expedition.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends two muster books. The ship has 133 men, and is ready for action if occasion be offered -	87
" "	John Cuttle, *Mayflower, Yarmouth Roads.*	Major Salway.	Asks to be removed into a State ship having served 12 years on land and sea, and in all the engagements with the Dutch. Was formerly recommended by Sir Arthur Hesilrigge and Sir Thos. Dacres.	88
" "	"	Adm.Com.	Petition to command one of the State's ships, having served as lieutenant on the merchant ship Mayflower.	89
" 29	Navy Comrs. -	Adm.Com.	On the petition of Youratt, widow of Thos. Clarke, who lost his life while weighing the anchor on board the Raven, think she deserves 8*l.*, being much distressed and having two children.	90
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Lee Road.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks them to hasten down the hoy with water, and 600 or 700 hammocks, as there are 13 sail staying for little else, unless it be for clerks of the check and stewards. Asks to whom money has been paid for provisions for the sick, as there is much complaint for want of it.	91
" 30	Ordnance officers -	Adm.Com.	Send letter and an information from Commissioner Peter Pett touching the embezzlement of six barrels of powder by Roger Tunney, gunner of the Reserve. Find his accounts fair; he pretends he bought four barrels in Ireland, and saved the other two out of his scaling powder.	92–95
" "	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Desire that such victualling ships as are ready shall be sent to the fleet at Yarmouth or Harwich, as a convoy is ready in Lee Road.	96
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Forwarded their letter to Capt. Strong, who was under sail to the fleet; four prizes have been sent into the roads laden with pitch and tar.	97
" "	Capt. Robt. Wyard, *Tynemouth Haven.*	"	Is waiting for a wind, in company with Capt. Yates, and 100 sail of colliers, as also two fire-ships and several vessels with water for the fleet; will convoy them to the Humber or Yarmouth Roads, upon obtaining liberty to go to sea from the Mayor of Newcastle, who makes stay of all ships here.	98
" "	"	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	99
" "	Capt. Edm. Chapman, *Cock, Portsmouth.*	"	Has convoyed in two ships with provisions, and is advised to bring his ship into harbour and stay until further orders, the Dutch fleet being on the coast, but shall not do so unless forced, it being impossible to keep the men on board in harbour.	100
" "	John Tatnell, shipwright, *Dover.*	Adm.Com.	Petition for payment for fitting forth 40 ships during many past years, and especially since the war with the Hollanders, or a salary if continued on the employment. With reference to the Navy Commissioners.	101
" "	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to inquire after the Swiftsure, and have her works speedily despatched - - -	102
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Particulars of ships; most want men, and there being great discontent for want of their arrears of pay, they are difficult to obtain, but if their tickets were paid up to December, or 20*s.* or 30*s.* allowed upon their wages as imprest, it might encourage them. Several of the sick are recovered, but want clothes for service.	103

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May 31	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks them to advise with the mast-makers, and send him word what to give for some Swedish masts of various sizes; also to send down some furnaces for the fire-ships.	104
" "	" "	Adm.Com.	The Bryer has arrived at Spithead with 110 men pressed by Capt. Mills, which he will distribute among the ships in harbour. Movements of ships; wants orders about the Cock, Bryer, and Little Charity.	105
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks for a bill of imprest for 300*l.* more to Mr. Young, to enable him to procure stores in the West country.	106
" "	Christ. Hillson, *Scarborough.*	"	Cannot sail with the prize taken by Capt. King, as Rich. Deighton, the Sub-Commissioner of Prizes, has taken the sails and provisions on shore; is now lying up at his own charge, until further order.	107
May	Capt. Edm. Chapman, *Cock, Downs.*	"	Being ordered to lie between Calais and Dover, desires they will send down a small bower cable, and a poop lantern, which are not to be had at Dover.	108
"	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Dundee.*	"	Sends account by Capt. Thos. Keyser of the charge for tallowing the Recovery, amounting to 9*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*, and desires they will pay that and other bills charged on them. Saw his convoy to their destination, is taking in some clothes for the soldiers, and will sail to-morrow for Dunottar, with the Greyhound and Wren pink, and then repair to the fleet.	109, 110
"	Nath. Roberts, apothecary.	—	Account of medicaments supplied to 42 sick and wounded men named, between 20 April and 21 May. Total 88*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*	111
"	Elias Waltham -	—	Muster roll of the Thomas Bonadventure, hired for six months for the service of the State; also names of 20 soldiers sent aboard by order of Major Bourne, 28 May, with the amount paid to each.	112
"	Thomas Greene, *Dover.*	Navy Com^rs^	List of 26 State's ships and 28 merchant ships and frigates fitted out and furnished by him at Dover, since August 1652.	113
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June 1	John Leigh, *Tulip, Sole Bay.*	"	Sends the muster book. Has 106 men on board. The provisions supplied were short and not good; has received enough for 14 days from the Eastland Merchant to make up deficiencies. Is in great want of boatswains' and carpenters' stores. With note by Thos. Alderne, victualler, 6 June, that the Tulip had all her provisions for four months except some beef and pork, and that they were the same as supplied to the rest of the fleet.	1
" "	William Partridge -	Adm. Com.	Was commander of the Wildman fire-ship, which was disabled through being run into by the Pelican; asks the command of another at Newcastle. Suggests that the Wildman should be refitted.	2
" "	Chris. Pett - -	Navy Com^rs^	Report of the forwardness of the Swiftsure's repairs - - - - - -	3
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Ask money to procure cordage and anchors, which the contractors decline to deliver without, and more money is spent in running up and down after them than two or three Commissioners' salaries.	4

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1653.				Vol. 54.
June 1	Capt. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The men sent from the west are millers, bakers, butchers, tailors, and others, who never saw salt water before, whereas he expected able seamen to expedite the business.	5
,, ,,	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs^	The Newcastle frigate has been tallowed but wants victuals. The six frigates building will be ready to launch about October; desires the masts, &c. may be sent down, and money to pay and procure men.	6
,, ,,	Capt. Joseph Brewster, *Dolphin.*	,,	Sends his muster book. Has had a sickly ship, but has not lost a man since going on board -	7
,, ,,	Capt. James Tarry, *Great Charity, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will observe the Generals orders to ply on the coast of France as soon as victualled and manned. Hopes they will remember him as in the last engagement he received two shots through his left foot, one in his right leg, one through his left arm, and one through his right hand, which the surgeons think he will lose.	8
,, ,,	Capt. Rob. Sansum, *Bryer, Spithead.*	,,	Has brought in 110 men impressed by Capt. Mills, and put them on shore to be disposed of as the Commissioners think fit.	9
,, 2	Bailiffs of Scarborough.	—	Note of 5*l.* paid for the hire of a Barking vessel to carry a packet to the Generals at sea -	10
,, ,,	Christ. Nicolson, Governor of *Newcastle.*	Major Rich. Salwey.	Asks a convoy for some ships going upon a second adventure to Hamburg, to obtain pitch, tar, and hemp for the service. Capt. John Wetwang is in harbour, has 15 guns and 60 men, and would willingly go if ordered.	11
[,, ,,]	Ellen, Mary, Elizabeth, and Susanna, daughters of the late Capt. Wm. Tatnell of the *Fortune.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order for payment of the money granted them by Parliament, their father being slain in service against the Dutch. He was so public spirited that he spent large sums in horses and arms for the service, and they have to sell what little they have to keep them alive, and so run into debt.	11*a*
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	,,	Capt. Tatnell of the Fortune left four daughters, and the 500*l.* granted them by order of Parliament should be equally divided between them, on majority or marriage; as William Cullen, Mayor of Dover, and Thos. Cullen, jurat there, were appointed overseers of Capt. Tatnell's will, the 500*l.* should be paid them, to be invested for the children's benefit.	12
,, ,,	,, -	,,	The victuallers have sent the wood, candles, hammocks, &c. required for the fleet. Desire that the business of relieving the sick, wounded and widows may be transferred to the Trinity House, as they are oppressed with more of other business than they can well manage.	13
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks an order to take up a ship for the service, and to purchase some tar. Has bought a parcel of Spanish iron at 19*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* per ton, and paid the Excise. A laden victualler will be ready to sail to-morrow. The water barks have returned from delivering water to the fleet; will despatch them again with all speed.	14

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1653. June 3	Capt. Wm. Pestell, *Leith.*	Generals of the Fleet.	Could not convoy the busses from Aberdeen to Scarborough, as they were not fitted, but left 60 men to man three ships, and with other vessels came to St. Andrew's Bay; will go back to-morrow for the busses, hasten to Hull, ordering in the Falmouth to clean and victual there, and then ply about Flamborough Head. Has sent some packets from Col. Lilburne. [1 *page.*]	Vol. 54. 14*a*
„ 4	Capt. John Sherwin, *Princess, Liverpool.*	Navy Com^rs^	While plying on the western coast, took a pirate, and left her in the custody of the Governor of Cork. Has order from the Generals and Lord General Fleetwood to go into Portsmouth, to tallow and victual, and will then convoy a vessel with ammunition for Dublin.	15
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Recovery frigate, Leith Road.*	„	Particulars of ships convoyed between the Humber and the east coast of Scotland. Is waiting orders.	16
„ „	Capt. Robert Clarke, *Poplar.*	„	Has received orders to go to Chatham, and as he has been out 26 months, and not received any of his wages, sends his brother for a ticket or bill for them.	17
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Recovery, Lee Road.*	Commander of the *Thomas Bonadventure.*	To transfer his crew to Capt. Jas. Bamford, and give them tickets for their wages - -	18
„ 5	Capt. Luke Lightfoot, *Dragon, Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends two muster books of the Dragon. Two others were sent by Mr. Poortmans, the General's clerk. The Dragon and Tiger have come in to wash and tallow. Wants masts, one being shot through in the engagement in February, and the other in June. Is weakly manned, having had above 50 men killed and wounded in the Feb. engagement. Parted from the fleet last Sunday, 10 leagues off the Norfolk coast.	19
„ „	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will do his utmost if the wounded men are sent to Yarmouth. Has heard nothing of the fleet -	20
„ „	John Scott, *Yarmouth.*	„	Asks whether he may press men on board ships, and what allowance or provision he is to make them. The bailiffs had a warrant for men which they were to send up to Chatham, but they can get none, as they have all been already taken out of the town.	21
„ „	Capt. Elias Drew, *Ayr*	„	Has been to Galway and convoyed the ships, and has now received warrant from Col. Alured to clear this coast of small pirates, and then to go to Chester, to convoy some vessels laden with provisions to Ayr. Asks further orders at Chester.	22
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Lee Road.*	Navy Com^rs^	Four ships laden with hemp, deals, tar, &c. have been sent in by the Generals; has ordered them up the river. Desires they will use all means for procuring hammocks for the fleet, and a good quantity of clothes.	23
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to send up the hammocks and clothes desired by Major Bourne, to be disposed as he directs.	24

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June 5	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Dakings, commander of the Worcester, has been ordered to Chatham, to have a new foremast, tallow, and revictual. Mr. Pett having gone to the fleet, will do his utmost to forward the other ships. The Westergate and Half Moon are ready to take in the victuals when they arrive.	25
" "	Capt. John Tarrant, *John and Katherine, Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Had 202 men on board, which are not yet all disposed of in the fleet, but when they are, will send a muster book. Has lost one of his anchors, with 14 fathoms of rope, through falling foul of some wreck.	26
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Recovery, Lee Road.*	Adm. Com.	The Recovery and six others are ready to sail, but are waiting for the water hoys and victuallers; there is a great want of hammocks for the fleet. With note that they are despatched.	27
" 6	Capt. Geo. Daking, *Worcester, Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires order to wash and tallow, and to hasten down the provisions, of which he sends an account. Has sent his gunner to the Ordnance officers, with another account of his wants, which he hopes they will further.	28
" "	Adm. Com., *Whitehall.*	"	Desire that the masts and rigging for the fleet may be instantly sent down to Major Bourne in Lee Road, as they have received letters from the Generals of the defective state of the ships for want of them.	29
" "	Arthur White, postmaster, *Gravesend.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks a warrant to take up watermen to carry packets to the fleet, as they will not go without, although he offers extra hire.	30
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Truelove, Beaumaris.*	Adm. Com.	Hopes they will not be displeased with his stay, as he has to convoy some guns of value in the interim; has been convoying vessels to Dublin, by order of Alderman Walley and will go to Chester, to meet the ship with the guns.	31
" "	" -	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	32
" "	Capt. Wm. Pestell, *Hamburg Merchant, Leith Road.*	Generals of the Fleet.	Sends letters brought by the Greyhound. The busses have arrived from Aberdeen with the Fox frigate; is going to Hull, and will ply about the Head, until further order. Asks what to do with the Fox, which is leaky.	33
" "	Geo. Storey, *Custom House, Newcastle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks allowance of 22*l.*, paid to John Smith of Yarmouth, for carrying letters to the Generals by order of John Topping, Governor of Tynemouth castle.	34
" "	Capt. Math. Alured, *Ayr.*	Capt. Elias Drew.	To repair to Chester, and convoy the ships there laden with provisions to the garrison at Ayr, and to chase out of the Channel several pickeroons hovering upon the coast.	35
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Hopes the furnaces will be shortly sent down, as they are much wanted for the pitch lighter, and careening. The Black Raven and Great Charity are provided with surgeons, but the one for the Little Charity has not come down, and she will have to go to sea without. Wants the guns for the new frigate.	36
" "	——— - - -	—	Note of ammunition received on the Discovery since 5 April - - - - -	37

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June 6	John Rushworth -	—	Certificate that William Bexbey, master of the Mary and Ann of Aldborough, who wants employment, served the State in carrying provisions to the army in Scotland in 1650, and was at the taking of Edinburgh and Leith; had his ship seized upon in the Sound by the King of Denmark, was taken prisoner by the Hollanders, and is well affected.	38
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have given order for the discharge of Wm. Prouse, messenger, and Geo. Newsum, doorkeeper, for their disorderly lives, and recommend Hugh Erington and Wm. Harrison to succeed them, Errington as messenger at the salary increased to 50*l.* a year, and Harrison as doorkeeper at 40*l.* With approval and appointment by the Admiralty Committee, 14 June.	39, 40
" 7	Lieut. Edw. Dennett and Robert Daines, purser.	—	Certificate that Thos. Herbert, late steward of the Leopard, behaved with care and diligence in the time of fight, and was noticed by Capt. Appleton, who would also certify as to his fidelity and courage if present.	41
" "	Generals Geo. Monk and Robt. Blake, *Resolution.*	Capt. Thos. Hulke, commander of the *Rose Mary Bush.*	To sail to the Thames with his prize, observe the orders of Capt. Rich. Stayner of the Foresight, and report himself to the Collectors for Prize Goods and the Navy Commissioners.	42
" "	Joseph Hunkyn, *Sorlings.*	Navy Com[rs]	Received their letter of the Dutch fleet being in Dover Road; if he has any further intelligence, will communicate.	43
" "	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Hopewell, Portsmouth Road.*	C.O.S.	Has landed the pressed men at Portsmouth, and is setting sail for the Land's End - -	44
" "	Capt. Barth. Yate, *Falcon flyboat, Newcastle.*	Adm. Com.	Is setting sail in company of Capt. Wyard, with two fire-ships and four vessels laden with water, and has between 80 and 100 pressed men on board, but not above eight days' victuals. Desires orders may be sent to him at Yarmouth, as to disposing of the men, as the fleet is abroad.	45
" "	Capt. Isaiah Blowfield, *Lily, Plymouth.*	"	Has taken a ship of 400 tons laden with wine, salt, &c. with two passes on board that she should go for France, and from thence to Scotland, and lade salt and coals, and then sail for Emden, though she says she was bound for Dantzic; found a bill of lading for Holland, and most of the company are Hollanders. Has left the prize at Plymouth, and sent the papers up to the Prize Office, is now going to take in the money for Scilly, and then attend Capt. Mill, for transporting the pressed men and furnishing the ships with them.	46
" "	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth*	Major Wm. Harding, near Bride's church by Fleet Conduit, London.	Stephen Chambers says Laurence Deborex is still a prisoner in Plymouth Castle. The frigate was taken by the Gainsborow before they departed for Newfoundland. Asks him to speak to Capt. Hatsell for the man's release.	47

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June 7	Navy Comrs. -	Adm.Com.	On the petition of Sarah relict of Edw. Fox, quartermaster's mate in the Assistance, slain in the engagement with the Dutch on 18 February, they have granted her 7*l.* for the present relief of herself and child, recommend 10*l.* more.	48
" 8	" -	"	Considered the petition of John Best, late master of the Sampson, but have only power without their order to relieve the wounded by the help of the chest. As his case is extraordinary, 50*l.* should be bestowed upon him, and he maintained in Sutton's Hospital. With note of grant.	49
" "	" -	"	Have granted 8*l.* to Barbara, relict of John Hamond, late midshipman of the Assurance, slain in the engagement on 18 February, for relief of herself and two children, and think 20*l.* more ought to be given her.	50
" "	" -	"	Have granted 10*l.* to Elizabeth widow of John Wackham, late master of the Mary prize, slain in the engagement of 18 February, for herself and two children, and advise 30*l.* more.	51
" "	" -	"	Have examined Captains Marvin and Limbrey, and find that the stores are all on board the Recovery, but the owners have not paid their proportions for setting her forth, and as that is a great discouragement to those who have fitted her out, some course ought to be taken for their relief.	52
" "	John Wheatley, Dep. Registrar.	Navy Com^rs	A survey has been returned into the registry office for sale of the late King, Queen, and Princes' lands at Worcester House, Strand, of several parcels of land at Chatham, with a tenement in the possession of Thomas Wood, discovered by Thos. Barington, and desired to be purchased by Capt. Thos. French, but as the contractors do not know whether they are used for the service of the navy, they have suspended the sale until they hear from them.	53
" "	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Ratcliffe.*	Adm. Com.	Was at the Tower yesterday, ordering the men on board the water-ships and victuallers going to the Lee Road, and will send the ships away with speed.	54
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Will do his utmost, according to their order, if any wounded men come to Yarmouth, and has sent a copy to the Mayor of Harwich, with instructions to draw what he disburses therein on the Treasurer of the Navy. Five of the State's ships have come into the roads from the Thames, and the Scout-master General has sent to Capt. Bamford for a convoy for a vessel with ammunition to the fleet.	55
" "	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to allow 100*l.* to Dr. Windebank, who assisted Dr. Whistler in taking care of sick and wounded men sent to Fareham, from 6 March to the present time	56
" "	Robert Mackey and three others, *Exeter Merchant.*	"	Certify that Thomas Ireland was entered on board as a pilot on 8 June, and discharged on the coast of Holland 20 July following.	57
" 9	Thos. Ray, Mayor of *Salisbury.*	Rich. Hutchinson	Has drawn a bill on him for 300*l.* on account of 300 Dutch prisoners, and desires he will procure speedy payment, as being only a clothier, his trade much obstructed, and many workpeople depending upon him, he will otherwise be considerably out of purse.	58
" "	Rich. Potter -	Adm. Com.	Recommends Rich. Robinson for employment as cook - - - - - -	59

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June 9	T. Lawes, *Foresight, Orfordness.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has come in with the corpse of General Deane, as also the ships and prizes, but supposes Capt. Stayner has reported particulars. Met the packet boat and the ships with ammunition going to the fleet.	60
„ „	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has offered the merchants 30*s.* per cwt. for the hemp; the smiths will not work the iron into anchors under 13*s.* per cwt. Will furnish the fleet with masts, &c. if they come into the roads. There are some victualling and water ships staying for orders. Does not know what they mean by having no power to dispose of prizes before they are condemned. The Generals are glad so much care was taken for supplying them with water.	61
„ „	Bailiffs of *Yarmouth*	„	Have used their best endeavours to press men, but could only obtain four, who were sent to Deptford with their tickets and conduct money; would have made further progress had they not been hindered by the coming in of the State's ships and other public employments.	62
„ „	John Poortmans, *Resolution,* between the *Texel* and *Flie.*	Robt. Blackborne	The Generals having granted a commission to the Lieut. [Morecock] to be commander of the Elias of Amsterdam, one of the Dutch prizes, desires he will cause an order to be made for that ship to be fitted out first, and hastened to the fleet.	63
„ „	Capt. Thos. Marryott, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs^	When the Dutch fleet was before Dover, had orders from the Admiralty Commissioners not to stir until they were gone; as the coast is now clear, desires order to sail for Portsmouth.	64
„ „	Wm. Somerfield, *Yarmouth.*	Capt. Wm. Billers and Ordnance officers.	Has arrived with the five hoys laden with ammunition, and waits orders; the hoys not being sufficient to sail to the fleet, will be forced to unlade them into another vessel. Met part of the fleet convoying the prizes to London.	65
„ „	Nich. Clements, boatswain of the *Lizard.*	—	Deposition that Capt. Taylor of the Lizard embezzled several hides, brass pots, sugar, &c. out of the Trooper of Limerick, recovered from a pirate of Brest, and that he sold them at Milford.	66
„ 10	Jas. Sack, Mayor of *Harwich,* and Arth. Hawkes, justice of the peace.	—	Appoint, by direction of Capt. Howard, Capt. Anth. Wollard and six others named, to pilot the ships in Harwich harbour to London.	67
„ „	Generals Blake and Monck, *Resolution,* off the *Flie.*	Adm. Com.	Recommend Capt. Thos. Hermon, commander of the Welcome, for the command of the Newcastle frigate.	68
„ „	" „	„	Having bought a quantity of powder, shot, and match of Capt. Nich. Lucas of the Society, and promised him ready money, desire they will order the Navy Commissioners to make out a bill to him for payment.	69
„ „	Edw. King and Wm. Em[illegible], *Dover Road.*	Navy Com^rs^	Have endeavoured to find the fleet, but without success, and being unwilling to venture at so great a hazard without orders or convoy, have returned for directions. There are other vessels laden with provisions for the fleet.	70

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1653. June 10	Capt. Math. Alured, *Ayr.*	[Sam.] Windis, victualler, *Liverpool.*	Has sent the Swan frigate to be victualled, as she is appointed for holding intelligence between Ireland and Ayr. Desires despatch, as there is not a man-of-war on the coast, which is infested with pickeroons, and vessels are continually coming from and returning to Ireland.	Vol. 54. 71
„ „	Capt. John Vite -	—	Certificate that Solomon Hobbs is fit for the boatswain of the Hector, he having already acted in that capacity 23 months.	72
„ „	Capt. John Plompton, *St. Augustine of the States, Portsmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Has arrived with the above prize, taken by the Phœnix in the Straits, and in company with the William and Thomas and Mary Rose, and awaits orders.	73
„ „	Capts. Jno. Godolphin of the *William and Thomas,* and Jno. Turtley of the *Mary Rose, Stoke's Bay.*	C.O.S.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	74
„ „	„ „	Adm.Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	75
„ „	Capt. John Wetwang, *Sparrow, Flamboro' Head.*	„	Parted with 220 colliers under convoy of the Unity, having heard of a Holland freebooter of 12 guns, plying about the coast, and hopes to meet with him. Asks an order to victual; has only 10 days' victuals on board, having had pressed men, and given to other ships.	76
„ „	Rich. Potter, *Chatham Dock.*	„	There are very few seamen or officers on board the Constant Warwick, but many carpenters. She has her masts set, but no rigging; will use all diligence to set her forth.	77
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *Bryar, Downs.*	„	Has been on the coast of Flanders and Ostend, in company with the Cock, but could gain no intelligence of the fleet, and has returned. Here are two vessels laden with provisions and ammunition for the fleet from Harwich.	78
„ 11	Capt. Robert Clark, *Reserve,* near *Holehaven.*	„	Has taken in four months' victuals for 150 men, and is taking in the boatswain's stores, but wants men, sails, and orders.	79
„ „	Thomas Shewell, *Bristol.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks that the Discovery, which was stayed, may, now that the Lord has put a hook in the nostrils of the proud enemy, convoy some vessels to Ireland, laden with provisions, and afterwards ply to and again, as there are several pickeroons on the coast that have captured several vessels.	80
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires order to the victualling ships to sail on Monday, under convoy of the Reserve, and for some seamen to be sent down for the latter, as she has only 80 on board. Has sent 40 soldiers to her in the Hope. The Phœnix is in Lee road and the Eliza at the Nore.	81
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	„	Asks what quantity of hammocks, wood, candles, &c. have been sent to the fleet, as the Generals much complain for want of them. There are not nine victualling ships in the Hope, as asserted, but only five, and they are therefore to ascertain what has become of the other four.	82

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June 11	Capt. John Taylor -	Adm.Com.	Cannot find any vessels in the river more fit for scouts to carry and bring back intelligence at sea than two of the prize pinks at Chatham. Recommends Capt. Cook for the command of one of them, having employed him and found him a good coaster.	83
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Acquainted them of the arrival of nine victuallers, and of their desire to be despatched; but as Capt. Wildey has come down, he will accomplish that business. Therefore only desires an answer to the rest of his letter.	84
„ 12	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Gravesend.*	Adm.Com.	Has sent down the victualling and water ships to the Hope, where they are ready to sail with the Reserve. As Capt. Clark had no sails but what were at the yard, sent an express to Chatham for a supply. Will observe their orders on the arrival of the ships and prizes from the Generals at sea, and order Capt. Clark with his convoys to their rendezvous in the Swinn. Desires they will send down the soldiers for the ships, especially the 40 for the Reserve.	85
„ „	Bailiffs of *Yarmouth*	„	Send a packet of letters brought from the fleet by Capt. Robt. Clarke of the Drake - -	86
„ „	Capt. Thos. Holland, *Golden Cock, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends muster book, and will in future send a monthly account - - - - -	87
„ 13	Jonas Shish -	„	Has been in Sussex, Suffolk, and Norfolk, and procured and marked 700 loads of plank timber and knees, which are to be delivered at Woolwich and Deptford by 25 Jan next.	88
„ „	Capt. J. Fowler, *Foresight, Gravesend.*	Robt. Blackborne	Having been rendered a cripple in the last engagement, by a fracture of his thigh, a few minutes after brave General Deane fell, is now the object of pity; desires he will represent it to the Admiralty Commissioners; served in the fleet eight years, and being 53 years old, fears his bones will never be firmly knit. Encloses a list of necessaries required for his ship.	89
„ „	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Has bought three bunches of hemp at 40*s.* per cwt., and given a bill on the treasurer for 322*l.* 10*s.* payable to Lieut.-Col. Francis at four days.	90
„ „	John Davies -	—	Accounts of stores sent from Deptford for ships, 25 April 1653; of Rich. Wilkins' bill of lading for provisions sent for the fleet in Lee Road 2 May 1653; and of provisions sent from Deptford since 19 May last.	91–93
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to put on the Reserve frigate at Holehaven, which has four months' victuals, and will hold five, as much as she will contain, and to send down her sails.	94
„ „	„	„	Reference of the accounts of Lieut.-Col. Worsley, who is to be paid for clothes, &c. sent for the soldiers of the Lord General's regiment gone to the fleet, and the same defalcated from their pay.	95
„ „	Thos. Greene -	„	Desires payment of two bills for 270*l.* and 100*l.* drawn upon the Navy Treasurer in favour of John Harris, merchant, and Thos. Teddiman, jun.	96
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Asks directions, as the discharged carpenters and caulkers demand conduct money, and three days' pay for travelling down to Portsmouth and up to London.	97
„ „	Navy Comrs.	„	Have granted 10*l.* to Anne relict of Rich. Hayle, master's mate in the Bonadventure, who was blown up in the fight with the Dutch in the Straits, and recommend her for 20*l.* more.	98

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1653. June 13	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have granted Elinor Gibson, whose husband was slain on the Prosperous, but was not an officer, the usual allowance of 7*l.*; and Margaret Rowland 8*l.*; will make any further addition upon order.	Vol. 54. 99
" "	John Taylor and Christ. Pett.	Navy Com^rs^	As there are a quantity of provisions for the navy lying at Arundel, Shoreham, &c., which cannot be brought in for want of hoys, begs that two Flemish ones sent into Yarmouth may be ordered to lade them, and have masters appointed.	100
" "	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *Nonsuch, Hope.*	"	The Nonsuch having been much damaged in the late engagement, has been ordered in to be refitted, and having three Dutch captains and 50 other prisoners on board, asks how to dispose of them.	101
" "	Wm. Gilbert, *Globe*	"	Asks for a letter to Mr. Morris, clerk of the check at Gravesend, to deliver up his muster books, as he has had many men turned over to other ships, and cannot give them tickets until he knows when they entered; also that they will sign an order for Mr. Gibbon to receive money for sick men; he will give them particulars of the late fight. Have taken, sunk, and fired 20 of their men-of-war, and there are 1,300 prisoners.	102
" "	Thos. Greene -	"	Asks what victuals and men are to be supplied to the Wildman fire-ship, as she is ready to sail. Has drawn three bills for 100*l.* each.	103
" "	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends two men as his gunner and cook; as they have been waiting since the 9th, begs an answer.	104
" "	Wm. Somerfield, *Yarmouth.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	On orders from Major Bourne, and Major Burton, Governor of Yarmouth, has put part of the stores out of the hoys into a ship, and hopes to finish to-morrow, and be ready for a convoy to the fleet. Is doing the business himself, and has sent Mr. Preston home with all particulars.	105
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sent to the Mayor of Harwich to take care of the sick and wounded, and to draw upon the navy treasurer or him for disbursements. Has sent the surgeons to Harwich and Ipswich, and an express to meet the wagons with their chests. Has six wounded men come in to Yarmouth, and will desire the bailiffs to take care of them, as he is summoned to Whitehall on the 4th of next month. Is shipping the ammunition.	106
" 14	Capt. Robert Wyard, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has brought up a great fleet of colliers, and been ordered to anchor by Capt. Wildey. Has but one day's provisions on board, and being fully manned, asks whether any of the men shall be turned over.	107
" "	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Gave orders to Capt. Clarke of the Reserve to sail with his convoys to the Swinn, and attend the commands of the Generals, and took invoices of the several ships' ladings, and ordered them to deliver duplicates to the Generals; the Reserve is waiting for sails. Has been on board the Convert, Pearl, Foresight, Nonsuch, and Amity, in which are many Dutch prisoners, and sick and wounded men, taken care for their disposal, ordered the ships to Deptford and Woolwich, and taken out what men could be spared. The ships have not above five or six days' victuals left, and most of their ammunition is spent.	108

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1653. June 14	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sent an account of the ships that went up to Woolwich and Deptford, since which Commissioner Pett has ordered up the prizes. The Gillyflower, Success, and Welcome are at Gravesend, with many prisoners on board and some sick and wounded men; asks what is to be done with them, as the ships are to go to Chatham. The Reserve is still below with her convoys, waiting for her sails and stores, when she will sail. Has much trouble in taking the men out of the ships to put on board others, as they will not serve until they have seen their friends, and supplied themselves with clothes; desires help, as it is too much for one man.	Vol. 54. 109
" "	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick, Chatham.*	"	Recommends as his lieutenant Thos. Bowrey, who has behaved with much courage and discretion while on board. With note of refusal.	110
" "	J. Fowler, *Foresight, near Woolwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	As his servant has been taken ill with a cold, intends bringing him up to receive the same measure as himself. Desires that his surgeon, Andrew Price, may still attend him while his frigate is refitting.	111
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Comrs. for PrizeGoods.	On the petition and certificates of Mary widow of Thos. Roby, slain in the Dragon and as she has a child and is very poor, desire they will pay her 6*l.*	112
" "	" -	Adm.Com.	On the petition and certificates of Anne, widow of Lieut. Wm. Payne, of the Advice, slain in the late engagement, having allowed her 10*l.* recommend her for 14*l.* more for herself and her two children.	113
" "	Capt. H. Maddison, *Mary, Chatham River.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has come in to be repaired by order of the Generals, and desires orders as to the disposal of [86 prisoners and one commander on board.	114
" "	Capt. Wm. Kendall, *Success, Hoehaven.*	"	Has come in to be refitted, having been out 12 months and several times deeply engaged. Asks orders as to the disposal of 14 sick and wounded men and 116 Dutch prisoners. Sends his clerk of the check for an answer, being much bruised by splinters.	115
" "	Edw. Mountfort, *Recovery, Leith Road.*	"	The captain intended to have victualled at Hull, but being ordered to carry 400 barrels of powder and 2,000 or 3,000 shot, and by Lieut.-Col. Lilburne to take 10 cwt. of bread, two cwt. of Cheshire cheese and a firkin of butter to the fleet at Yarmouth, he asks where he is to victual, and whether he may have a steward or purser. The Greyhound remains behind for further orders from Col. Lilburne, but the Wren pink has sailed to the northward.	116
" "	Capt. John Harman, *Welcome, Tilbury Hope.*	"	After the last engagement, the Generals sent the prizes and prisoners taken in some of our ships of war which were disabled to the Thames, amongst which is the Welcome. Asks an order as to her disposal, and that of the sick and wounded on board. Had one of his men accidentally killed by one of our soldiers, on the first day of the fight.	117
" "	Capt. Edm. Chapman, *Cock, Downs.*	"	Has taken in ballast, and will convoy the victualling ships to the fleet with the first wind -	118

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June 14	Capt. Robert Vessey, *Truelove, Liverpool.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying about by order of Alderman Walley, and returned expecting the ship with the guns; found her in Chester Water, so heavily laden that he was compelled to take some of them out on to his own ship, and employ 20 men from morning until night, in pumping and baling the water out of her. Will bring what arms and ammunition there are at Blumorash [Beaumaris]	119
" "	Laurence Raynham, *Adventure.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks an order to act as purser or clerk of the check. Was told by the Generals to act as the former, until the victualling was expended, and then to act as check, which he has done from the end of the last victualling, and taken account of the gunner, carpenter, and boatswain's expense, but before that, they gave account of their expense to the captain.	120
" "	Capt. Robt. Nixon, *Adventure.*	—	Certificate that Devereux Wiatt has served as steward in the Adventure since February, and was promised a warrant by the Generals, but it was deferred until the ship came in; request that he may now have one.	121
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	On petition and certificates of Anne, relict of Mathey Rider, master of the Sussex, slain in the late engagement, have granted her 10*l.*, and advise 40*l.* more for her and five children.	122
" "	Richard Popplet and Nich. Philips, *Ipswich.*	"	Have received 80 wounded and sick men by order of the Generals, and placed them in convenient places, and as the surgeons had not come down, appointed seven to look after them. Received orders to the Collectors of Prize Goods for payment of the charges, but they could not do it; therefore desire they may be supplied to defray the charges, being 80*l.* a week, according to the resolutions of Parliament of last December.	123
" "	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Yarmouth.*	"	Has got some men with assistance of the 10th Whelp, but not near the complement. Found two fire-ships and some victuallers at Yarmouth bound for the fleet, as also the Drake and Unity; will sail with the light fleet and all others bound northwards, and return southward with the laden fleet.	124
" "	John Pearson, *Kingston-upon-Hull.*	Anth. Wells, agent for Navy Com^rs.	Contract for hire of the John Bonadventure of Hull 170 tons, to carry provisions to the fleet at 70*l.* a month.	125
" 15	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make bills of imprest to pay the company of the Thomas Bonadventure from the Straits part of their wages.	126
" "	" -	"	Order to send sails, &c. to the Falmouth, that she may return at once and obey orders - -	127
" "	Thomas Brooks -	Adm. Com.	Recommends Joshua Bradish, who has been some years a master and seven or eight years master's mate, for similar employment. His father is a godly minister, and his wife a pious woman, and having lost all he had by the Dutch last August, he is in debt, and afraid of being pressed as a common man.	128
" "	Rich. Potter, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks whether he is appointed to the command of the Elizabeth or Constant Warwick. Capt. Taylor says he was to have the former, but he holds a warrant for the latter.	129

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June 15	Capt. John Taylor [*Chatham*].	Adm. Com.	Asks directions as to fitting out two dogger boats as scouts. The Pelican, Convertine, and Mary prize have arrived, and may soon be made ready if desired. The Warwick has no steward to provide victuals, and there are 50 or 60 seamen in the town, who will not go on board for want of them.	130
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Went to Woolwich with the clerk of the survey, but they lost their labour; will despatch the ships. Asks who is the shipwright, as the work mostly concerns him. Wants an order for clearing the ships of empty easks, and lighters to take out guns, &c.	131
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have granted 10*l.* to Reynold Day, father of Thos. Day purser of the Phœnix, slain in the engagement, and advise 10*l.* for the two poor orphans.	132
„ „	Moyses Goodyear, *London.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Asks for a few lines to the Commissioners of Customs here and at Plymouth, to permit an entry of 100 tons of hemp and tar lying in the Pigeon, Shepherd, and Judith; if they like, they can have all or any part of it.	133
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Has hired two boats by order of Commissioner Pett, to bring up the sick and wounded men -	134
„ „	Thomas Petty, *Hopeful Luke.*	„	Sends two muster books according to that received from Mr. Morris, clerk of the check at Gravesend; has entered the rest of his men, making 146. Set sail on June 1, and came to the fleet on the 3rd; but could not engage as the Hollanders had fled. Had two of his men shot in the back by accident, hopes they will recover.	135
„ „	Daniel Emmes and Thos. Fisher, *Dover.*	„	Have been waiting in the Downs with provisions for the fleet since June 4, and have now come into Dover pier, being unwilling to venture across the sea without convoy; ask what to do.	136
„ „	Thos. Woodcott, *Gravesend and Milton.*	„	Has supplied the wants of many poor prisoners and wounded men, and provided surgeons, and so husbanded the matter that all is under 10*l.*; asks a bill to the Prize Office for that sum.	137
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Adm. Com.	Sends certificate of William Cullen, mayor, and six others, in favour of Wm. Tucker, mariner of Dover, for the command of one of the fire-ships now setting forth. When Sir Geo. Ayscue was in the Downs, Tucker left his goods in Dover pier, and with others volunteered to fight against the Dutch, and thereby lost his goods.	138, 139
„ 16	Joan widow of Jonas Reeve.	„	Petition for relief; her husband, late commander of the Elizabeth frigate, was killed in the engagement with the Dutch in the Straits on May 4 last, and left her, with seven children, in a destitute condition. With certificate by Capt. Rich. Badiley and four others.	140, 141
„ „	Thos. Scott and 3 others.	—	Certificate that John Thornton, boatswain of the Centurion, is fit for the command of a ship, having been in the service 12 years.	142
„ „	Capt. John Wetwang, *Newcastle.*	Adm. Com.	Received orders to go for Hamburg with the ships and packet, but cannot go without victuals, and the victualler will not supply them without further order. Is plying about Tynemouth Bar.	143
„ „	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *The Sussex, Harwich.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Asks that bills of free gift and imprest may be granted to Alex. Dawes, surgeon of the Sussex, for attendance on the sick and wounded in the last two engagements, his medicine chest being exhausted.	144

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June 16	Sa. Thurston, clerk of the check, *Sussex, Harwich.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends two muster books, and desires orders to take surveys of the stores when needful, otherwise begs to be removed, as the gunner refuses to furnish accounts; cannot act unless he has more power.	145
„ „	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Will make a supply of masts, yards, and fishes as directed, and ship them as fast as he can. Asks for the money laid out in procuring hammocks for Capt. Strong, and a surgeon's chest for Capt. Morgan.	146
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *London.*	Mr. Turner, clerk at the Navy Office.	Desires he will represent to the Council of State the great want there is of masts and hemp, and that the Navy Commissioners have not heard of the persons who agreed to deliver 1,000 lasts of hemp and 3,000 barrels of tar every year.	147
„ „	Capt. William Wildey, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Reserve with her convoys has sailed from the Hope to the Lee; sends invoices of their lading. Has sent the Dutch prisoners to Chatham, and the sick and wounded to London. Is waiting for the coming down of Commissioner Pett, and will attend them in London to-morrow.	148
„ „	„ „	„	A small pink has arrived from Holland, with Mons. Hieronimus De Bevering, agent from the United Provinces, with a packet directed to Lord General Cromwell and the commonwealth; he came ashore to the Mayor, to give him an account of his business.	149
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pestell, *Hamburg Merchant, Hull.*	„	Asks whether he shall lie on the northern coast according to the Generals' order, or convoy the victualling ships to the fleet. Is sorry not to have been in the late engagement.	150
[„ „]	——	—	Inventories of sails and other stores on board the Half-Moon, St. Mathew and the Westergun prizes, some of which were taken out for the use of the fleet.	151-153
„ „	John Blundell -	—	List of victualling ships sent from London with Capt. Strong - - - - -	154
„ „	Capt. Ro. Thorpe, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Was sent by the Generals from Shotland, with a packet to the Council of State, which he forwarded from Aberdeen to London; being in want of ropes, powder, &c. desires orders where to procure them. Is sorry to see the men-of-war keeping in harbour, and not doing service at sea.	155
„ „	Capt. John Stoakes, *Laurel.*	Navy Com[rs]	In the last engagement, had 22 men wounded, who have been attended to on board ever since by Cuthbert Atkinson, the surgeon; also 17 wounded Dutch prisoners, taken out of a ship during the fight; as his medicine chest is exhausted, asks money for a fresh supply, before he returns to the fleet.	156
„ „	Capt. Walter Wood, *Centurion.*	„	Had one man killed and eight wounded in the last engagement, who, with some wounded from other ships, were attended to by his surgeon, John Rise; as his medicines are expended, asks money for a fresh supply.	157
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Ipswich.*	„	Sends account of provisions required for the fleet, most of which are lame in their masts, and their rigging and sails torn. Is desired to remain at Harwich and Yarmouth, to despatch 11 ships sent in to tallow. Went to Southwould to provide tallow, but found it scarce and dear.	158
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	Order to store on the Weymouth pink as much victual as she can carry, and to send her and the Elias refitted to the fleet.	159

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June 16	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	To survey and refit if advisable the Tirgoe of Rotterdam, lately taken - - - -	160
„ „	Capt. Ja. Reynolds, *Kentish Frigate.*	Robt. Rawlins, clerk to the Surgeons' Company.	Asks medicines, as Mr. West, his surgeon, has been constrained to expend a large quantity in the two late engagements. The magazine chest on board the Generals will not supply one half of what has been expended in the fleet.	161
„ 17	John Madock, Mayor of *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Set out a vessel by order of the Council of State to give intelligence to the fleet; begs payment of the expenses 30*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*	162
„ „	Capt. Robert Clarke, *Reserve, Lee Road.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has taken in four months' victuals for 150 men, is shipping stores, and will sail to-morrow with the victualling ships for the fleet.	163
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Sent demands for the fleet from Ipswich. There are 10 ships at Harwich which came from the fleet; has taken out the guns, provisions, and ballast, from most of them. Wants masts, &c.	164
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Has taken charge of 25 sick and wounded men, by order of Commissioner Pett, and provided a surgeon, but five are dying. Has sent up 500 prisoners in several boats, to be delivered at the Horse Ferry, Lambeth, and supplied them with bread and beer.	165
„ „	John Major, *Elizabeth, Hope.*	„	Asks them to detain Rich. Treoblecock, who was discharged from the Falmouth, if he presents his ticket, as he and another were pressed out of a collier, but have since run.	166
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	Issued orders for all the officers of the ships lately sent into the river to be refitted to repair on board and hasten their despatch; but the Navy Commissioners should visit the yards every other day and quicken them. Wonder the Newcastle has not been sent to the Hope.	167
„ „	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Nicodemus, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has convoyed in the hoy and four barks with the guns, and is going back to his station to wait orders.	168
„ „	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	As there are several prize men-of-war come into Chatham river, which are more fit for service than the Mary or Convertine, desires orders respecting them; also as to the 20 sick and wounded Dutch prisoners left there, the others being sent away.	169
„ „	Capt. John Sherwin, *Primrose, Liverpool water.*	„	Will observe their orders as to accommodating Sir Robt. King, and his lady and family, in their transportation for Ireland, and will ship the guns, ammunition, and soldiers' clothes for Dublin, and then hasten back to London, with such men as he can press. Thanks for their promoting him to another ship.	170
„ „	Edw. Winslow -	Navy Com^rs	Asks the promised place of clerk of the check for Mr. Langley, purser of the Spy, and strongly recommended by Capt. Badiley. He has been appointed steward of the Elizabeth or Warwick, but as it is below what he had before, he would rather wait for a check's place.	171
„ „	Commissioners of Prizes.	„	Ask whether they want the Cherry Tree, a fire-ship taken from the Dutch in the late engagement; otherwise will sell her.	172
„ 18	Adm. Com. -	„	To imprest to the company of the William and John part of their wages - - - -	173

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June 18	Major William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Is again sending away the packets by two messengers who had returned, not being able to find the fleet; some victuallers and four ships were within three miles of the Texel, and put back by a storm. Is also sending some topmasts and yards to the fleet by some of the victuallers, and a ship with ammunition under convoy of the Saver frigate.	174
" "	"	"	Delivered the packet for the Generals to Capt. Adams of the Saver. Thanks for the news about the agent from Holland.	175
" "	Robt. Blackborne -	Navy Com^rs	The Admiralty Committee desire that Lieut.-Col. Worsley be reimbursed the money laid out for clothes for the Lord General's regiment sent to the fleet, although he cannot show that every soldier received his proportion.	176
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *Bryer, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Met three ships on the French coast, laden with tar and hemp, and bound from Calais to London; and as they confess belonging to Havre de Grace, has brought them into the Downs, and desires orders. Noted to come up, and deliver their papers to the Commissioners for prize goods.	177
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Has been to Deptford and Woolwich, to hasten the fitting out of the ships, and will send a full account next week. Desires the masts and furnaces formerly demanded may be sent down.	178
" "	Mathew Chase, *Yarmouth.*	"	The building of the two frigates proceeds, and is approved by the surveyors. There are 40 men constantly employed on them, and Mr. Edgar is in the country pressing more. Has drawn a bill on them for 10*l.* received of Roger Waters of Yarmouth, and hopes it will be paid.	179
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have granted 10*l.* to Hannah, relict of Timothy Biggs, purser of the Bonadventure, who with his servants, was blown up and lost all he had; and as he had a former loss of 150*l.*, when the Peter was cast away on the coast of Scotland, and has left his widow in great distress, with four small children, advise 25*l.* more.	180
" "	" -	"	Have granted 10*l.* to Johan, relict of John Pountois, midshipman, also blown up in the Bonadventure and as he also lost upwards of 150*l.* and has left his widow much in debt and with one child, recommend her for 20*l.* more.	181
" "	Capt. John Tatnell, *Dover.*	Navy Com^rs	Will despatch all the ships in Dover Pier by the next tide for the Swinn. Recommends Wm. Tucker for the command of the Wildman.	182
" "	———	—	Account of masts deals &c. on board the Fortune of Gottenburg - - - - -	183
" "	Major N. Bourne -	Navy Com^rs	Sends particulars of stores &c. required for the frigates. The Ann Piercy is unfit for service. Is quite jaded out for want of rest these two nights. Asks them to hasten down the stores. Has taken up some money, and hopes they will pay the bills on sight.	184
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" 19	Capt. Edm. Chapman, *Cock, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Sends particulars of the proceedings of ships under his convoy, one of which has left him without any cause; asks whether to sail with those he has for the fleet, or wait for one expected with some ammunition.	1
" "	Capt. Robert Clarke, *Reserve, Lee Road.*	Navy Com^rs	Has taken in his provisions, and is ready to sail with the victuallers &c. to the fleet, but as his men made some stir for their five months' pay, has given their wives and friends tickets, and some have entrusted the steward to receive their money for them.	2

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June 19	Capt. John Reeve, *President, Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends two muster books. Came in with 10 sail, and lost his bowsprit and yard the day before he engaged. His topmasts are bad and he is not well manned, but will make all the speed he can.	3
„ „	Ralph Gouldsmith, *The Bristol, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been tallowed, is taking in provisions and guns, and will soon be ready, but is much straightened for men.	4
„ 20	Generals Robert Blake and Geo. Monck, *Resolution.*	„	Send certificate of a quantity of powder, shot, and match, bought of Capt. John Jefferson of the Thomas and William, and desire order to the Navy Commissioners to make out a bill for payment in ready money.	5
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	On petition and certificate of Anne, relict of Geo. Wrightington, late master's mate of the Leopard, allowed her 10*l.* and recommend her for 25*l.* more for self and child.	6
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to John Hallett for 3,150*l.* according to a bill of exchange - -	7
„ „	Capt. John Wetwang, *Newcastle.*	Adm. Com.	Unless he has an order, will have to sail to Hamburg with only 14 days' provisions, as he cannot get any more from the victuallers without it.	8
„ „	Capt. Fras. White -	Navy Com^rs	Was commanded to see to the shipping of 700 foot sent to Lee Road, and delivered to Major Bourne, but the ships that carried the men being impressed by Capt. Hatsell, engaged the John of Dover commanded by Jonas Robson, to take in 40; he readily complying, gave him a certificate for his charges, but being on a piece of waste paper, it was objected to as false; has given him another, and desires his expenses may be paid; he had power from the Council of State and Major-Gen. Lambert for what he did.	9
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Is ignorant of any mate being employed or needed by Barens, the surgeon; sent for him, but he declined to come. He fell in with Godfrey, a surgeon, in town, and may have used his boy, but Godfrey was paid for the boy here as his mate. He took up 7*l.* in linen, on pretence of its being for the wounded, which he ought to account for, as also for money received for transporting the wounded to London. Would be glad to come to London, but cannot without a supply of what has been already demanded.	10
„ „	Philip Borde, bailiff of *Andover.*	„	On 11 April, 50 Dutch prisoners were sent by order of the Council of State to Andover, where he is chief officer; has only received 50*l.* for keeping them, and asks 70*l.* more, for which he has given a bill.	11
[„ „]	Wm. Rolfe, carpenter of the *Welcome.*	Adm. Com.	Petition to be removed into one of the frigates now building, with certificates of Capt. Jno. Lawson and four others, and Capts. Pett and Taylor in his favour.	12–14
„ „	John Poortmans, *Resolution, Texel.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Rolfe as a godly man as well as an able carpenter - - - - -	15
„ „	J. Fowler, *Axe Yard, Westminster.*	„	Recommends Andrew Price, surgeon of the Foresight, for remuneration for great care in attending to his wounds, and his removal from the Resolution to the Foresight, and from thence to town.	16

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June 20	Thomas Brooks -	Major Salway.	Reminds him of a former recommendation of Joshua Bradish for employment - - -	17
" "	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Ratcliffe.*	Adm. Com.	Sent notice of his going down to the Hope and Lee Road to find the Reserve, but she had sailed with the James and her convoy; the Phœnix and Elizabeth will sail on Wednesday if their captains and men repair on board, which ought to be done by beat of drum; has ordered the victuallers to fall down to the Hope, and will go down again to despatch them.	18
" "	Capt. Philip Gething, *Convert.*	"	Asks warrant for his servant Jas. Mathews to be carpenter of the Convert - - -	19
" 21	Capt. Rich. Deane -	Adm. Com.	Certifies that Thos. Hulman was a midshipman in the Convertine, and has been in several engagements, and requests that he may be lieutenant in the same ship.	20
" "	Capt. Sam. Windis, *Liverpool.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends copy of an order from Col. Math. Alured, Governor of Ayr, for victualling the Swan, and asks advice. Sends also Alured's warrant nominating Edw. Tarleton; wishes the State had many more like him in the service. There is a great want of some men-of-war upon the coast, it being infested with pickeroons. Desires order for supplying the frigate bought by Col. Alured for the State, as she may be very serviceable if fitted.	21, 22
" "	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Sampson, Portsmouth.*	"	Convoyed certain vessels to Ireland by order of the General, and on returning, met Capt. Sparling, and who ordered him to ply on the Irish coast; then went to the Rendezvousto wash and water, and convoyed some vessels to Plymouth. Has but five weeks' provisions, and his men are much discontented with the quantity and quality.	23
" "	Capt. Elias Drew, *Chester.*	Thos. Smith, Navy Comr.	Has convoyed in eight sail, which dared not put to sea until he came on the coast of Ireland and Scotland. Did not see any pickeroons, but chased two ships for seven hours, and then gave it up, or would have lost his convoy. Will return to Ayr with guns and ammunition for the convoy of others. If the 50*l.* be not paid, Col. Alured wants it paid to Mr. Walley.	24
" "	John Freeman -	Major Salwey.	Is out of pocket 25*s.* or 30*s.* in travelling about to purchase the 200 barrels of gunpowder, and although Capt. Billers and others employed in the like service had a salary, they would not have done as he did. Thanks for the warrant to receive the money for what he bought elsewhere, but the treasurer will not pay it, and as he sent in some of his own, for which he was promised ready money, desires order to the treasurer to pay for it, as also for what he bought, otherwise cannot rest in his house for the unreasonable women of whom he bought it. Noted that the treasurer be spoken to, that he have ready money for the 200 barrels he bought, and for 25 of his own.	25
" "	John Roberts, mariner.	Navy Com^rs	Petition for relief. Volunteered into the Prosperous under Capt. Wm. Barker, and the ship being taken and plundered by the Dutch in the last engagement, lost all his apparel &c. and for want of clothes, was afflicted with an ague under which he is still suffering. Signed by Barker.	26
" "	Capt. Nath. Cobham	"	Recommends John Day, boatswain of the Swan under his command, for a better ship, as he behaved faithfully for two years on the coast of Ireland.	27
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have granted 8*l.* to Susan, relict of Geo. Jenkins, late midshipman in the Anne and Joyce, and recommend her and her child for 12*l.* more.	28

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June 21	Capt. Saml. Windis, *Liverpool.*	Navy Com^rs	The crew of the Nightingale, who have alarmed all the ships at Liverpool, and made them rebellious to his orders; Colwich and Edwards his steward have endeavoured to prick him out of victuals, and made him 40*l.* out of purse in the last victualling; asks due regard to Col. Alured's orders, and certificates and commissions for 4 officers named.	29
„ „	Generals Robt. Blake and Geo. Monck, *Resolution.*	Adm. Com.	The contract for the Anne and Joyce having expired, have ordered her into the river, and taken out of her 16 barrels of powder, and 100 demi-culverin round shot, and 94 sacker, for the use of the fleet; have promised Capt. Wm. Pyle, the commander, ready money, and desire payment.	30
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^rs	As some of the officers of the land soldiers who were sent to sea complain that they only had the pay of private soldiers, the Admiralty Committee desire they will consult the order of May 10 and act accordingly.	31
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent away a ship with ammunition to the fleet, also seven victuallers from Portsmouth, Hull, and Yarmouth, two fire-ships, the Fox frigate, and another with masts and yards made here; is making more, which he will send as he can get ships, but those of the town will not carry them without warrant. Capt. Fras. Allen of the Recovery arrived with 500 barrels of powder and shot from Scotland, and went away with the rest, and the Sapphire and Cock as convoys.	32
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to draw a bill for 20*l.* on Geo. Dawson, collector of customs at Newcastle, for John Smith of Yarmouth, carrying a packet to the Generals at sea off Shotland	33
„ 22	„ -	„	Reference of Mr. Willoughby's letter from Portsmouth of the 21st instant - - - -	34
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Great Charity and Raven went out to sea for a few days, and the Sampson is waiting at Spithead for instructions; if she is to ply in the Channel, will order her, with the two former ships, to do so until the Bristol is ready, which would be expedited by the appearance of Capt. Martin. Particulars of other ships.	35
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Capt. Archer of the Fortune and Capt. Fuller of the Cignet want stores, but as he has no order, has advised them to write for one. There are 10 or 11 soldiers discharged from Capt. Archer's ship, and as they have no money, and are 100 miles from home, has given them their conduct money, and hopes he shall be reimbursed. Capt. Marryott has sailed from Kingroad.	36
„ „	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Fortune, Bristol.*	„	Has come in with several convoys from Ireland, and wants provisions and stores, also orders to repair and tallow, being much disabled in the last engagement. Also a long boat.	37
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Reserve, The Swinn.*	Adm. Com.	Has been on board the Assistance of Hull, the Globe of Lynn, and the Ann and Frances, laden with beer for the ships, and found it very bad so that it will not be received. Two hoys have arrived with provisions from Dover. The Swinn is not a fit place for small vessels to ride in. The Frances of Rochester is so leaky that he will be forced to take out her goods. Has 150 men on board, and if they will allow him as many as other like ships have, can procure them.	38
„ „	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Elizabeth, Tilbury Hope.*	„	Has taken all the provisions and stores on board, and is only waiting for men; as those he has may attempt to run, will fall down lower, so as to keep them on board.	39

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1653. June 22	Samuel Gore -	Major Salwey.	The officers will not be satisfied as to partiality, when the judges in a cause are themselves offenders.	40
" "	Capt. David Dove, 10*th Whelp, Scarborough Road.*	Adm. Com.	Begs his removal, as he is much troubled by being kept under such an unchristian-like man.	41
			Has been to Yarmouth Roads, by order of the Generals, and convoyed the fleet there towards the north; is now going to see the colliers to Newcastle, and then with the convoy bound for Scotland; will then return to Tynemouth to take the colliers to London.	42
" "	Capt. Rich. Stayner	Navy Com^rs	Asks for a bill for the supply of the surgeon's chest - - - - - - -	43
" "	Col. Robt. Overton, *Hull.*	Robt. Blackborne [Navy Comrs.]	Has delivered their letter to Capt. Pestell - - - - - - - -	44
" "	Capt. Rich. Stayner		Recommends John Wall his gunner as gunner in the Catherine prize - - - -	45
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Comr. Peter Pett.	Recommends Henry Robbarts, late master in the Half Moon, and now master's mate in the Gillyflower, as master in one of the Dutch prizes.	46
" 23	Capt. Robert Clarke, *Reserve, the Swinn.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail to Harwich and observe their orders - - - - - - - -	47
" "	Robt. Fuller, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Has been with the Signet on the Irish coast 10 weeks, and convoying some vessels to Wales. Asks an order for a mainmast. Is going over to Ireland with a convoy, and expects to return in eight days.	48
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Will get men to make the fishes. Has sent some masts and yards to the Generals, and is shipping more. The smiths will not make the anchors under 13*s.* as before and will make none above 20 cwt., down to 10 cwt. and under. Wants their approbation as to taking up victualling and water ships.	49
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have granted 10*l.* to Johan relict of Wm. Gettins, late master of the Mary, slain in the late engagement, and recommend her and her children for 10*l.* more.	50
" "	" -	"	Have granted 10*l.* to Anne relict of John Body, master of the Charles, slain in the late engagement, and recommend her for 10*l.* more.	51
" "	" -	"	Have granted 10*l.* to Judith relict of Wm. Moss, boatswain of the Roebuck, blown up in the Bonadventure, and as he was the main instrument in the reducement of the Roebuck from Prince Rupert, and has left his widow in a very distressed condition with six children, recommend her for 10*l.* more.	52
" 24	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	"	The victuallers have endeavoured to send one of their number to the fleet, but have been prevented by sickness, absence, &c. Will send Mr. Lewis next week, as he understands the whole business, and one of their company shall go with him. The beer in the Swinn was brewed by the best brewer; fear the lowness of the springs this dry season caused its badness. The remainder should be supplied from Portsmouth where the water is always good, and upwards of 300 tuns may be had per week. The Generals should send back their empty casks in the victualling ships.	

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June 24	Edw. Stourton, clerk of the check, *Heartsease.*	Navy Com^rs^	Entered on board by warrant of the Generals on the 21st inst., and intended to send up two muster books, but the steward left the entrance book with the clerk of the check at Gravesend; as the ship has sprung a leak, is ordered in as a convoy to some five or six prizes to Gravesend; will then make up the books, and forward them.	53
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have granted 10*l.* to Sarah relict of John Abbot, master's mate of the Sampson, drowned in the engagement with the Dutch in the Straits, and recommend her for 25*l.* more.	54
" "	" -	"	Have allowed 10*l.* to Catherine, relict of Mathew Barret, master of the Peregrine, and sometime commander, killed in the engagement with the Dutch in Leghorn Road on March 4 last, and recommend her for 50*l.* more.	55
" "	" -	"	Have granted 10*l.* to Alice relict of Hen. Man, lieutenant's mate of the Bonadventure where he lost his life, and recommend her for 10*l.* more.	56
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Have granted 10*l.* to Theophila, mother of George and Jno. Hatrell, who were slain while serving in the Paragon and Constant Warwick in the Straits, and as she is in a destitute condition, with two children, recommend her for 15*l.* more.	57
" "	John Young - -	"	Petition for the place of lieutenant in one of the State's ships; served as corporal in the Paragon under Capt. Rich. Badiley. With Badiley's certificate in his favour.	58, 59
" "	Robt. Wakelin, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends John Miller as master gunner in the Catherine, a Dutch prize - - -	60
" "	Capt. Roger Marten, *Poole.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for the command of the Bristol; will procure what men he can, and go to Portsmouth to-morrow.	61
" "	Capt. Philip Gething, *Mathew, Chatham.*	"	Hired a ketch to bring down his men and their clothes, but could only get 30, as their tickets were not paid; desires that this may be done with all speed, and that his officers and provisions may be sent down. Recommends Mr. Johnson for appointment as master.	62
" "	Capt. Wm. Pestell, *Hamburg Merchant.*	"	Has taken in all the provisions he can stow at Hull, and will make all despatch. Asks orders as to disposing of a ketch belonging to the Generals or Vice-Admiral. Noted that he is to go to Yarmouth, and receive instructions from Major Bourne.	63
" "	Peter Harris, clerk of the check, *Expedition.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends two muster books and sent up two before. In the fight with the Dutch on the 2nd and 3rd, they lost one man and two wounded, and the mainmast was damaged; they are in a good posture for defence, having 144 men on board.	64
" "	Capt. Ro. Thorpe, *Hull.*	Anth. Wells.	Desires him to pay Wm. Fingill 5*s.* 4*d.* for eight quires of cartridge paper delivered for the Red Hart pink; with bill receipted by Wm. Kind.	65
" "	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Nicodemus, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Came from Portsmouth, having been at his former station. The fishermen in general have left off fishing at the North Foreland. Has but 10 days' provisions. Asks where to re-victual, intends plying between Dunkirk and the Downs.	66
"	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Tilbury Hope.*	"	Has cleared Emanuel Davies, late clerk of the check, and recommends Christ. Payne to succeed him.	67

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1653. June 24	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has received orders from the Council of State to convoy some ships to several ports in Scotland. The Margaret and Martha has gone from Gravesend, and the Violet of Ipswich has come into the Hope. His steward has run out of necessary money; fears more will be wanting before the end of his voyage.	68
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to supply clothes, &c. wanted on several ships in the river, especially the Foresight, for seamen and soldiers, to be charged on their several heads.	69
„ „	„ -	„	Order to provide the topmasts, yards, &c. written for by Major Bourne; also to send pitch, tar, deals, &c. to Harwich, to refit the ships there.	70
„ 25	Capt. Robt. Story, *The Cardiff, Pennarth Road.*	„	Has been sent by the Irish Commissioners to convoy the ships bound for Waterford, Wexford, or Dublin, and to lie on the Irish coast all winter. Asks an order to Mr. Shewell of Bristol for a best bower cable of 15 inches, &c.; also an order to pay the 5*l.* for every six months for 100 men, allowed to provide necessaries for the sick.	71
„ „	Capt. Robert Saunders, *Ruby, Gallions Reach.*	Adm. Com.	Received order from the Generals to bring up his ship to Deptford to be refitted, and to receive 80 soldiers out of the Recovery, and 66 men out of various ships, as they are all on board. Asks how they are to be disposed of. Has convoyed in two Flemings, one with salt and the other with French wines, three Hamburg hoys, and a pink with pitch, tar, canvas, and hemp.	72
„ „	„ -	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	72*a*
„ „	„ -	„	Commissioner Pett advised him to send up the sick men to be disposed of as they think fit -	73
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Asks a list of the prize ships that are to be fitted out, and of those to be laid up - - -	74
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *London.*	„	The Admiralty Committee desire the hammocks for the fleet may be put on board the Elizabeth, which is going to Harwich; also a last of pitch and tar sent to Major Bourne, with the topmasts from Deptford.	75
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to direct the victualling of the Nicodemus and Swan at Liverpool, and the supply of the Swan with stores.	76
„ 26	Clement Freeman, *Shoreham.*	„	The building of the frigate is progressing, although Jonas Shish had some timber taken out, and better substituted. Asks a general survey, as there are defects which he will point out. Wrote for a bill of imprest for 20 weeks' pay, but will now wait until the survey has been made.	77
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Is sorry they do not send the particulars desired for fitting out the squadron of frigates sent to be completed for three months' service, as they are not to be had there or at Yarmouth, but at excessive rates. If the State or Generals intend sending in any further ships, desires they will either draw him off, or give him wherewith to carry on the work. Has had sufficient to exercise both body and mind since he came; particulars of ships, the want of masts, &c.	78
„ 27	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for topmasts, deals, &c. to be sent to Harwich to refit ships - - - -	79
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out imprest bills for part of the wages of the men in the William and Thomas, and three other ships, having respect to their continuance in the service.	80
„ „	Thos. Greene, surgeon of the *Fortune prize.*	[„]	Ask an order to the Commissioner at Bristol to supply him with medicines; his chest is quite exhausted, having been out eight months, been in the great engagement of 19 Feb., and having seven men sick.	81

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1653. June 27	Ordnance officers -	[Navy Comrs.]	Ask what ships are to be fitted out at Woolwich, Chatham, and Deptford, and what laid aside -	Vol. 55. 82
" "	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Elizabeth, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has his stores and necessaries on board, and if he obtains his complement of mariners and soldiers, shall be ready to sail in two days.	83
" "	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle frigate.*	"	Has been with the Navy Commissioners, who promise men for getting down the ship, and with Mr. Scott, master of attendance, but he has nothing to do with it; the pilot will not move without more men. Recommends Mr. Bushell for the place of lieutenant.	84
" "	Capt. John Taylor -	"	The place of master attendant at Chatham is of such high and great concernment at this time, that he hopes they will not appoint any one unless he has a good certificate under the hands of godly men, that he is civil and a fearer of the Lord, and they will thereby have a profit of thousands in a year.	85
" "	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan frigate, Tynemouth Bar.*	C.O.S.	Has been plying in company with the Tenth Whelp and Unity, on the north coast, since the 14th inst. Capt. Roberts passed by with a laden fleet of colliers, and Capt. Wetwang to Hamburg, with a fleet from Newcastle. Has convoyed some laden merchant ships towards Leith, and is now waiting to take the coal fleet under convoy; if they are not ready, will ply between Tynemouth and Yarmouth Roads.	86
" "	" -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	87
" "	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Ruby.*	"	Has given orders to the captains of the Ruby and Ann Joyce to put the 50 soldiers they have on board the Newcastle, and will take care for 40 more; is going to Gravesend and the Hope to send away the victuallers, and what convoys are to go with them for Harwich.	88
" "	" *Gravesend.*	"	Took 11 soldiers out of the Ruby, and put them on board the Newcastle, which he is sorry to see lying idle for want of men. Met the Anne and Joyce above Woolwich with but 24 soldiers, and put them on board the Satisfaction. Has been on board several ships in the Hope, and ordered some to the Lee Road. Particulars of other ships. Capt. Cox has come down, and his ship is fully manned. Asks whether to send the Elizabeth with the victuallers to Harwich.	89
" "	" -	Navy Com^rs^	Has been on board the several ships in the Hope, and gives particulars. Has put the hammocks on board the Phœnix into the Elizabeth, and given notice to Major Bourne. The Satisfaction is at Woolwich, ready to sail, and the Newcastle at Greenwich, wanting men. Will remain at Gravesend a few days, to speed away the ships.	90
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	"	The Newcastle wants men, and the Ruby has come to Deptford with very few. The Satisfaction also cannot leave Woolwich without them; if men were pressed and sent on board, there might be means used to keep them.	91
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	"	Sends certificate of the officers of the Fortune at King's Road, who are all agreed that the ship leaks, and is unfit for service until certain defects are altered. Has furnished her with such things as are absolutely necessary, according to order.	92, 93

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June 27	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Fortune, Kings-road.*	Navy Com^rs	Two shipwrights have been on board, and find several knees broken, and other defects which cannot be mended without careening. Discharged the soldiers in March by order of General Deane, and obtained able seamen in their room. Will go to sea if ordered, but it will be dangerous in the ship's present condition.	94
" "	Jno. Cruso, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has got rid of the ague, and hopes to be able to send advices. Capt. Roberts arrived the 22nd, and sailed the 25th, and the Tenth Whelp also came in and has gone out again.	95
" "	Capt. Roger Marten, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Thos. Milton of Chatham, formerly purser and lieutenant under him in the Diamond, as lieutenant in the Bristol frigate.	96
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Reserve, Yarmouth.*	"	Convoyed the victuallers to Harwich, but could hear nothing of the fleet; applied to the bailiffs, and as they report it to be about the Texel, intends sailing there. The beer on board is so bad that the men prefer drinking water.	97
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Harwich.*	"	Will sail with his convoy the first opportunity; as Rich. Timberlake, his boatswain, has left him, has procured another from the able seamen, and desires his commission. Timberlake rendered no account, and on examining the stores, finds them very small.	98
" 28	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Fras. Ingram as steward in the Welcome frigate - - - - -	99
" "	" -	"	Received notice from the Admiralty Committee that the officers and men of the Convert were turned over to the Mathew prize at Chatham, but as another boatswain has appeared with a warrant for her, asks who is to fill the post. The gunner also desires a warrant. Noted that the former boatswain is to continue, unless Pett sees reason for refusing him.	100
" "	" " -	"	Recommends Wm. Otee for employment as steward's mate of the Mary prize - - -	101
" "	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	The seamen turned over from the Convert to the Mathew prize having been very urgent for convoy money, has given them 3*s.* each; begs an order for it and a bill of imprest, as there are many more expected on that account.	102
" "	Generals Robt. Blake and Geo. Monk, *Resolution.*	Capt. Jas. Cadman of the *Pearl.*	Warrant to sail with the Bristol and seven other ships, and ply to and again in the Channel, as far westward as the Isle of Wight, and as far eastward as Calais and the North Foreland, for securing trade and annoying the enemy, and to observe the orders of Capt. Roger Martin of the Bristol.	103
" "	Capt. Barth. Yates, of the *Falcon fly-boat.*	Adm. Com.	Petitions for employment in one of the State's ships, having served five years. With certificates of Jer. Tolhurst, and Wm. Kiffen, 27 and 28 June, to his ability.	104–107
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	Have granted 10*l.* to Mary, relict of John Widger, quartermaster of the Sampson, who losing both his eyes in the engagement, could not shift for himself when she was fired, and was burnt in her, and as he also lost 100*l.* recommend her for 20*l.* more.	108
" "	" - -	Adm. Com.	Have granted 10*l.* to Dennis, relict of Philip Clerkson, master gunner in the Bonadventure, who was blown up in her, and as she has three children, recommend her for 20*l.* more.	109

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June 28	Capt. Philip Gethings, *Mathew.*	Adm. Com.	Brought down his officers and 40 men, and has kept them continually employed on board, to expedite the business. Another boatswain has come down, which is disheartening to the one already appointed, desires warrants for his officers.	110
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to examine the accounts of the Mayor of Canterbury for disbursements for sick and wounded, and give a bill for payment.	111
" "	" -	Navy Com^rs^ and treasurer.	To pay off the company of the Marigold to 1 January last, send them on to the Newcastle, and survey the ship whether she is fit for service, and where she should be refitted.	112
" 29	" -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to make out bills to John Powell and Hen. Webley, messengers, for 17*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* and 10*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* for disbursements in navy service. With their respective bills.	113–115
" "	" -	"	Order to send the Ordnance officers abstracts of the contracts for the new frigates, with the time when they will be ready, that they may provide guns.	116
" "	" -	"	Order to make a bill to Lieut. Scott for 4*l.* 5*s.* disbursed in impressing men at Harwich, Ipswich, and Yarmouth, and consider of his future allowance.	117
" "	Robert Geere, clerk of the check.	"	Muster book of the Ann and Joyce, from 18 January to 29 June 1653 - - - -	118
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have granted 10*l.* to Rose, relict of Hugh Reeves, late master of the Bonadventure, who was slain with his son and servant while on board, and recommend 60*l.* more for herself and child.	119
" "	" -	"	On petition and certificate of John Hoskins, grandfather of the two orphans of Wm. Beale, late master's mate of the Sampson, recommend that 60*l.* for their future bringing up be paid to trustees.	120
" "	" -	"	Have granted 10*l.* to Joyce widow of Hen. Haynes, late boatswain of the Bonadventure, and recommend her for 25*l.* for herself and child.	121
" "	Jas. Beacon, *Bath* -	"	Renews his application for 16*l.* or 20*l.*, having been wounded in the Triumph, and compelled to go to Bath to effect a cure. Gives the names of various referees.	122
" "	Prize officers -	Navy Com^rs^	Send a list by John Plumton, and ask when he and others named were taken off the State's pay, and what is due to each, and will pay them. The fire-ship lies in a bad condition.	123
" "	Major Jas. Heane, *Jersey.*	Capt. Fras. Willoughby	Having supplied Capt. Godfrey of the Old Warwick, which has come over as convoy to the soldiers' money, with what he required, and taken his bill for 19*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*, asks directions as to taking it up. Has impressed a dozen men and sent them on board. Has had 10 masts salved at his charge, which might do service.	124
" "	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Has been on board the Elizabeth in Lee Road, and sent her away with the victuallers, and desired Capt. Mings to take them under his convoy. Particulars of ships.	125
" "	Capt. Roger Marten, *Poole.*	"	Has been to Portsmouth, and found all things in good readiness, but there is great want of men. Will return with what men he can procure, about 40, if not otherwise ordered, on Monday, when he hopes the frigate will be nearly ready.	126

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1653. June 29	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Desire that the companies of the William and Thomas, Augustine prize, Ann and Joyce, Ann Piercy, and Marigold may be turned over to the ships of war as they are paid off, and not suffered to go on shore to the prejudice of the service, as hitherto.	Vol. 55. 127
„ 30	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne	Recommends Jas. Greene for a cook's place; he was quartermaster of the Sovereign, and was one of the few who stuck to Col. Rainborow when the Reformation revolted. Also recommends Christopher Sinemont for similar employment, and John Hurlston, steward of the Paragon, for a stewardship. Asks what is done touching Mr. Rabenet's resignation; wants a master of attendance.	128
„ „	Capt. Wm. Smythson, *Horsleydown, Shallop, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will give notice to the fleet of the ships seen about Dartmouth, as also to the Great Charity, Raven, and Sampson, just arrived in the Downs.	129
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Recommends either Captains James Brocke, Wm. Hill of the Diamond, Thos. Groves of the Andrew, or Peter Strong, as God fearing men, and able seamen, and as fit for the office of master attendant at Chatham Yard, and also to serve at sea in their turn, as the other master now does.	130
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„ „	„ -	„	Warrant to deliver 20 barrels of powder and shot to Capt. Lucas of the Society - - -	133
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends list of the soldiers on the Gillyflower, Pelican, Welcome, and Convertine, who were sent up to London as a guard to the Dutch prisoners. Allowed them 4*s.* each after much importunity, but as they have obtained 6*s.* more each in London, desires it may be stopped out of their wages. The Pelican and Mary prize have sailed for the Hope. Begs they will quicken the victuallers, and send a supply of rosin.	134, 135
„ „	John Holland, *Deptford.*	„	Since relinquishing the navy, has dealt in timber, and has a quantity converted into plank, treenails and knee timber, fit for the stores at Deptford and Chatham. Is willing to enter into a contract for it.	136
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	Order on petition of Simon de Cacerez and Pedro Vandewyer, for license to import pitch, tar, deals &c. as usual, to give them such encouragement to bring over the goods as they think fit, or to certify.	137
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June 30	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to make a bill for payment of part of the wages of the Mary Rose's company, respect being had to their continuance in the service.	139
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell -	"	Desires they will give order for payment of a bill for 1,000*l.*, for so much disbursed in purchasing stores &c., more particularly as he has entered into a contract for the purchase of some more hemp, value 360*l.*	140
June ?	Capt. Barth. Yates -	"	Accounts of disbursements for the Falcon between September 1652 and June 1653. [22 *papers.*]	141–162
"	Thos. Day, deputy Mayor of Dover, and two others.	"	Account for attendance and medicine supplied to sick and wounded prisoners landed at Dover between 1 May and 30 June 1653. Total 114*l.* 8*s.* cancelled.	163
"	Hugh Clement, shipwright.	Adm. Com.	Petition to know what to trust to for subsistence, being appointed carpenter of the Hampshire, for which he put off other employment, but has been disappointed.	164
"	Jas. Dry, *Burlington Bay.*	Navy Com[rs]	The Sovereign, Advise, Mermaid, and Portsmouth have sailed from Tynemouth. Is about carrying some pressed men to the fleet, and shall then return for further orders. Particulars of other ships.	165

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1652.
Dec. ? William Beck to the Navy Commissioners. On 19 July last, was appointed by the Council of State Commander of the Advantage frigate, went on board the next day, and spent much money and pains in fitting and furnishing her, and most of my time was so occupied until she entered into sea pay on 1 Sept. following. As I have never received any satisfaction for such services, I trust you will now grant the necessary order, and thus enable me to do so. From 19 July to 1 Sept. is 43 days. [1 *page. Vol. XXVI., No.* **81***a.*]

Dec. ? Capt. Thos. Sparling to Robt. Blackborne. Understanding that you are appointed Secretary to the Admiralty Committee, and it being part of my instructions to give an account to the Generals, or in their absence to the Admiralty Committee from time to time, I desire you will forward the enclosed. Remember me to your brother at Plymouth. [½ *page. Vol. XXVI., No.* **81***b.*]

1652 ? Petition of Capt. John Baskett to Parliament, for an order for payment of what is due to him, out of such delinquents' estates as he may discover to have been concealed or compounded for at an under value. Col. James Carr of Plymouth, Col. John Burch, Col. John Humfrey, Capt. Edw. Tyson, and the Commissioners for disbanding and stating the accounts of the officers and soldiers in co. Hereford, have cleared his accounts, and there are considerable arrears due to him. [1 *page. Vol. XXVI., No.* **99.**]

Petition of John Holland to Gens. Deane and Monk. Being a carpenter in a merchant's ship, was constrained to serve on the Golden Fleece as one of the carpenter's crew, and the captain, Thos. Hill, would force him again to the same, and detain his ticket for the time he wrought in Chatham dock, so that he cannot pay for his supplies at Chatham. Begs an order for his pay ticket, and the carpenter's place on the Warwick or Middleburg. [1 *page. Vol. XXVI., No.* **100.**]

Petition of Joanna, wife of Wm. Thompson of the Crow, to the Admiralty Committee, for payment of her husband's prize money. Went with his order for it to the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen, but they said they could not pay it because he is neither in the fleet nor in a merchant's ship. Her husband was hastened away to Scotland with Gen. Monk's goods. [1 *page. Vol. XXVI., No.* **101.**]

Petition of John Willoughby, executor of Hen. Gough, Chas. James, Rich. Crossing, Sam. Coker, Fras. Lipping, Hen. Gould, and other merchants, to Parliament. In 1644 and 1645, their goods were taken at sea by Capt. Penn, and disposed of for the service, to their

1652 ? loss and undoing, and in 1646 the Committee for Petitions ordered Mr. Corbet to report to Parliament an ordinance for paying them 6,635*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*, but the report has not yet been made, owing to other weighty affairs. Begs that it may be reduced to an Act, and they paid with interest out of moneys rising on sale of delinquents' estates. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page. Vol. XXVI., No.* **102.**]

Account of excise farms in 13 counties named, let from 25 March 1652 to 23 March 1653. Total rentals 35,900*l.* Of eight let from June 1852 to June 1853, total 37,125*l.* Of the East riding of Yorkshire let from Sept. 1852 to 1853, 4,800*l.*; and of 11 counties let from Dec. 1852 to Dec. 1853, total 27,670*l.* Entire total 99,495*l.* [1 *sheet. Vol. XXVI., No.* **103.**]

List by Rich. Hill of goods purloined from the navy and dock at Chatham, and found by him, 1649–1651, at Newhead, Willingham, Stroud, Rochester, Chatham, &c. [1 *page. Vol. XXVI., No.* **104.**]

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Jan. 14. Order in the Council of State, on petition of Tim. Slader, that Sec. Thurloe see what orders have been made in the business, and bring in a warrant for what he finds due to Slader, to be paid out of the exigent moneys of Council. [*I.* 68, *p.* 251.]

Jan. 23. John Boys and 19 other members of Christ Church, Sandwich, to the Admiralty Committee. We recommend Capt. John Woolters, of Sandwich, as God-fearing, faithful, and skilful, for a command at sea. We are confident that in these latter days, God will use his own children to work for him, and lay aside men of the world as broken reeds. 20 signatures. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page. Vol. XXXII., No.* **68***a.*]

Jan. 25. Offer by John Fleming, Ant. Benthall, and Robt. King, nominated by the grand jury of Essex, and approved by the justices of peace, of 2,650*l.* for farm of the excise of inland commodities in Essex, from 25 March to 29 Sept. 53, with additional proffer of 100*l.* more. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Vol. XXXII., No.* **86***a.*]

Jan. 28. Sam. Selwood and Bartho. Helby to the Excise Commissioners. Offer 3,150*l.* for the farm of the excise of all inland commodities in Essex for six months, from 25 March to 29 Sept. next. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Vol. XXXII., No.* **90***a.*]

Jan. 28. Rob. Loggins to the Excise Commissioners. Like offer for 3,400*l.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Vol. XXXV., No.* **90***b.*]

[Jan. 31.] Note of 39 articles of saltery wares which pay the duty of excise or new impost. [1 *page. Vol. XXXII., No.* **99***a.*]

[Jan. 31.] Note of 8 descriptions of goods on which an advance of impost is proposed. [*Vol. XXXII., No.* **99***b.*]

April 20. Mayflower, Lee Road. Wm. Newman to the Navy Commissioners, Tower Hill. The rest of the fleet has fallen down lower, and so would I, but for want of men; but for Capt. White I need not have troubled you; he hindered me by taking away the pilot and many necessaries, and threatening the master if he carried the ship down. I sent Major Bourne my

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gunner, carpenter, and boatswain's demands; supply them, and I will do all that can be expected. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page. Vol. XXXV., No.* **136***a.*]

[May.] Accounts by the Commissioners for Prize Goods of their receipts and disbursements from 11 Jan — 9 April 1653. [13 *papers. Vol. XXXVI., Nos.* **150–162.**]

June 9. Chris. Pett, Manley Callis, and Rich. Stokes to the Navy Commissioners. We have been as ordered in the yards of the master builders in the river who are building frigates for the State, have surveyed the works, and ordered the mending of what is not according to contract, and this we shall do from time to time. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Vol. XXXVII., No.* **65***a.*]

[June 25.] Petition of Dorothy Witherings, widow, to the Council of State. I brought a large portion to my husband, which he laid out in purchasing the foreign Post Office, and most of his personal estate in improving it. I am told by counsel that I have a right to it, but hearing that you are resolved to farm it, I beg you to consider the condition of me and my fatherless child. I dare not deceive you, for I belong to Mr. Thos. Goodwin's church, but if this office be taken from me, I shall have little left to buy bread. I beg either to be allowed, with other fit persons, to farm the office, or to have some pension from it. With reference thereon to the Committee of Posts, to see whether any allowance should be made her. [1 *page. Vol. XXXVII., No.* **139***a.*]

June 25. Like petition *mutatis mutandis* to the Committee for Posts. With order thereon that she appear on 6 July, to show what right she had from her husband to any profits of the foreign posts. [1 *page. Vol. XXXVII., No.* **139***b.*]

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